Douglay has set a high standar

Animal rights activists claim store attacks

Security stepped up after fire-bombings

● Police believe that the Animal Lib- • An anonymous caller to a newspaper

eration Front is responsible for fire-bomb attacks in London and other cities that other attacks would follow

● Stores owned by the House of Fraser, • Up to nine incendiaries were used in

including Harrods, were the main target what was the largest single assault on outlets connected with the fur trade

outlitters.

these two.

force that 25 tonnes of brick-

work came down and dam-

aged several fire engines.

sands of pounds was caused in

a second store owned by the group, Howells in Cardiff. An

incendiary was left in a suit

pocket in the gentlemen's

Mr David Gill, the man-ager, said: "We had two

security men in the store patrolling. If they had not

attended, we could have lost

the store. Within seconds they

could not see each other in the

smoke. We could have lost

In London, the first sign of

the attacks came at the House

of Fraser store in Oxford Street, when a security guard

found a small device and

called police who made it safe.

Hours later, further along the

street, a small fire started in Selfridges after a device was

left in a sofa and did a small

At Harrods, staff were al-

ready checking through the store when the fire started,

also io a sofa, which was

At Rackhams in Birming-

ham, and the offices of the Fur Review Pricishing Company

in the city, two other sus-

pected devices were found and

Saddlers Printers in Lye, near Wolverhampton, who publish

The 9in by 7in package, apparently delivered by hand

the words: "Do not open. Telephone the police." The

building was evacuated and the package taken away for

The attacks come at a time

when the latest edition of The

Liberator, the magazine of the

British Union for the Aboli-

tion of Vivisection, includes

year term for attacks oo shops

and laboratories.

Fur Review.

inspection.

amount of damage.

Luckily the men escaped." Damage estimated at thou-

By Stewart Tendler, Craig Seton and Ian Smith

stores nationally was tightened last night after a series of fire-bomb attacks linked to the Animal Liberation Front on other cities, and a Cambridge professor.

In an anonymous call to the offices of the Manchester Evening News, a caller claimed that the Animal Liberation Front was responsible for the attacks and claimed others would follow.

Police believe that the ALF was responsible for up to nine incendiaries in the largest single attack, mounted by the group, on outlets and people connected with the fur trade

Who was

Jesus?

In a special

Christmas Eve edition

of the Sunday Times

published with The

Times on Saturday.

examine the character

of Christ, and Anthony **Burgess** reflects on the

Also in The Times

on Saturday: the Prize

Jumbo Crossword, with

Next week: free with

12-page edition of Early

The Times, a special

eminent scholars

current state of

£250 to be won.

Times, in which

children interview

(among others) Roald

and Father Christmas.

WIN £68,000

Portfolio

Accumulator

There was one

winner of vesterday's

£4,000 daily prize (see

page 3) so the fund

remains at £68,000. Prices: page 25

Dahl, Frank Cartucci

Christianity.

Magazine, which will be

Security in department and animal experimentation, ball of fire exploded with such One of the devices was sent through the post to the home of Professor Ian Glynn, aged 60, the head of the physiology laboratory at Cambridge Uni-versity. Police said that the targets including Har-rods, Selfridges, shops in maimed the scientist, who said he did not hold a licence to work on live animals.

Stores owned by the House of Fraser, including Harrods, were the main target for

THE TARGETS

LONDON: Incendiary devices in furniture deptartments at two London stores, Harroda and Selfridges. There were no injuries, Incendiary device also at House of Fraser in Oxford Street, and another in Jiffy bag delivered to Fur Review Publishing Co in the City.

BIRMINGHAM: Package at Rackhams containing incen-diary device made safe by army

PLYMOUTH: Blaze swept through Dingles. Being treated as possible arson.

CARDIFF: Fire at Howells HoF store caused thousands of pounds of smoke damage. All stores, except Selfridges, part of House of Fraser group. CAMBRIDGE: Incendiary device sent through post to home of Professor lan Glynn, head of physiological laboratory.

Campaign warning ... Photograph

incendiaries left overnight. ites were ii the groop.

Both Harrods and Selfridges have been targets for attack in the past

A fire at Dingles department store, part of the House of Fraser group, in Plymouth destroyed much of the third and fourth floors at a cost of millions of pounds. Many hours after the fire, the scene was still too hot for forensic scientists to begin their investigations but police are
linking the fire to attacks

of the ALF, now serving a 10-

elsewhere. Mr Neil Wallington, the upper levels as temperatures

soared around 1,000°C. He said: "There was a flashover and a buge rolling

Only one brief cry as Beatrice is christened



Vickers given tank ultimatum

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NEW weapon

NEW BRITISH

TANK

turer, Vickers Defence Systems, was given a make-orbreak deadline by the Government yesterday to produce a prototype Challenger 2 tank for the Army, or face another round of herce competition with its main foreign rivals in the United States and West Germany for a contract

taken away by police. Another attack was carried out on worth at least £1.4 billion. Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, announced in the Commons yesterday that the Leeds-based yesterday morning, contained the words ALF. Written oo the outside of the package were

any is to be given Lyd million between now and September, 1990 to demonstrate its ability to produce a tank that will be as good as, or better than, the American MIAI Abrams, built by General Dynamics, or the Leopard 2, built by Krans Maffei of West Germany.

The award, which Vickers has been waiting for for two years, was a reprieve for both Vickers, its workforce, and for

Inflation

Britain's sole tank manufac- British technology. But it man of Vickers, put a brave came after the Ministry suc- face on it yesterday. He was ceeded in forcing down the price of the Challenger 2 programme by threatening to buy from the US or Germany unless the company offered firm guarantees on price and

delivery time. Mr Peter Levene, chief of defence procurement at the Ministry, said at a press

Workers jubilant .. Parliament ...

been moving in one direction

that's downwards." Vickers has not only had its profit margin pared but also still faces an uncertain future. Mr Younger said he was "keeping the lines open" to the American and German companies, so that if Vickers failed, the Government could turn to the British company's

Sir David Plastow, chair-

a press conference about the price agreed with the Ministry. delighted and relieved that the "We're comfortable with Government had decided to it," he said, "I think it's a fair and proper price." He said Vickers would be able to make put money into Challenger 2 the company has already spent £30 million of private capital - but he chose his

Mr Younger made it clear that he hoped Vickers could words carefully when asked at prove at the end of 21 months that Challenger 2 was the best tank. At stake are about 1,500 direct jobs and up to 8,000 indirect jobs at Vickers suppliers throughout the country.

The time-scale agreed with company also means that the Army will now have to wait longer for a replacement for the ageing Chieftaio tank.

The result of the tough oegotiations going on betweeo Vickers and the Ministry in the last months was seen as a clear victory for Mr Levene, who said: "We have oothing to complain about." The £90 million provided by the Government to fund Challenger 2 will produce nine prototypes.

Princess baptized in royal tradition

Princess Beatrice of York, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York and fifth in line to the throne, was christened in time-honoured royal traditioo yesterday, wrapped in a robe of Honiton lace and her head aonointed with River Jordan water from a Hebron

Under Holbein's splendid painted ceiling io the Chapel Royal at St James's Palace, which also witnessed Charles I's last service on the morning of his execution, the baby was christened Beatrice Elizabeth Mary by Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, assisted by Canon Anthony Caesar, Sub-Dean of the Chapels

Royal.

Dr Habgood was the specific choice of the baby's parents, to reflect the fact that they are, after all, the Yorks. The Queen was baptized by the then Archbishop of York in 1926, as she 100 was the daughter of a Duke and Duch-

ess of York.

Princess Beatrice remained quiet and well-behaved throughout the 30-minute service, except for a brief cry as the water was brought to her forehead from the Lily font which, like the christening robe, was made io 1840 for Queeo Victoria's eldest daughter Victoria, and has been used regularly for royal baptisms ever since.

The baby seemed unaware that she had precipitated a major family occasion as she lay cradled in the arms of her mother, dressed in a bright emerald outfit with large matching hat, and watched by her father, in a navy blue double-breasted suit.

About 100 guests in the Chapel Royal were led by the Queeo io bright cyclamen pink, Prince Philip, the Queen Mother, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince William, Prince Henry, Princess Margaret, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, the Princess Royal and her children, Peter and Zara Phillips. The Duchess's father. Major Ronald Ferguson, and her mother Mrs Susan Barran-Fergusoo's present wife Susan

and their three children. For yesterday's christening, the baby's pareots chose the Church of England's Series 2 baptism service, interspersed with three hymns: Jesus, God Above All Others, All Things Bright and Beautiful, and Away in a Manger. The choir also sang Princess Beatrice's Anthem, to music specially composed for the occasion.

chief fire officer, said that a Lee, in a "personal opin-fireball ripped through the ion" section of the magazine, forecast argues there are limits to 'too low' conventional campaigning for animal rights. Continued on page 20, col 1 By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

pull out of Lebanon

Lebanon by tomorrow night after more death threats - the first time io its 125-year history it bas taken such a

tremist threats to individuals. "The ICRC was informed

on Monday that serious threats had been made against its delegates, placing their

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

of the Red Cross has ordered all 17 of its delegates to leave "Because of

Red Cross is forced to

The all-Swiss organization has been operating in Lebanon for more than 20 years and has never previously pulled out of any situation because of ex-

The International Committee lives in acute danger," a

"Because of these threats we are compelled to suspend our entire humanitarian operation and bring back immediately all expatriate staff," it added.

 LONDON: Britain has six diplomats in Beirut with a support staff and a Royal Military Police detachment for protection. On Monday, the Embassy renewed a warn-ing to the 90 Britons living in Lebanon to leave Muslimcontrolled areas.

Arafat in Belgrade, page 5

Fresh inquest on IRA men ordered

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

of firing the fatal shots that killed a trio of unarmed Provisional IRA terrorists were ordered by the Appeal Court yesterday to give evi-dence at a fresh inquest into

magh, six years ago.

The underlying rate of infla-tion next year is likely to be higher than forecast by the Treasury, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and the deaths. Development says. Without the effect of mortgage rate increases it will Northern Ireland also ruled that the present controversial inquest should be stopped and average 64 per ceot

Share transactions in Blue Arrow at the centre of a DTI investigation into County NatWest were known about at boardroom level in the Nat-ional Westminster Bank, it emerged last night. Details, page 21

compared with 5 per cent for the financial year 1989-90 forecast by the Treasury.It also expects the trade deficit to get worse rather than better.

OECD forecast, page 21 The Appeal Court judge-Comment, page 23 ment is a victory for Mrs

Three RUC officers suspected Eleanor McKerr, the widow of one of the shot terrorists, who fought a legal battle to force the two constables and a sergeant to give evidence at

the inquest. She wanted them in the witness box so they could be cross-examined about the The Court of Appeal in Legal challenge 2 Conor Cruise O'Brien .12

a new one held into the shooting which was one of a series of three in the autumn killings of the terrorists on the outskirts of Lurgan, Co Arof 1982 which led to allega-

tions that the RUC operated a But the Lord Chief Justice shoot to kill policy. of Northern Ireland, Sir Brian Mrs McKerr said: "If they Hutton, said that while the three officers were compelled have nothing to hide, all they to give evidence in the witness can do is go into the witness box, they could claim privibox, they could claim privi-

lege against incriminating themselves when answering really happened that night. "The RUC should be forced questions put to them about to tell the whole truth about this controversial killing."

The judgement also threat-Continued on page 20, col 3

Parents of dead child found guilty of cruelty

rème de la Crème Aston: No emotion Roy

By Michael Horsnell, Sheila Gunn and David Sapsted

The parents of Doreen Mason, aged 16 months, were found guity of child cruelty yesterday but the jury failed to reach verdicts on murder charges against

The judge at at the Central Criminal Court sent the jury to a hotel for the night after their deliberations lasted nearly seven hours. They will continue their deliberations in court today. Christine Mason, aged 22, Doreen's mother, and Roy Aston, aged 24, her stepfather, have denied murdering the child at their council flat in Walworth,

south London, on September 13 last The child, who was on Southwark Council's at-risk register, died in hos-

pital from a brain haemorrhage, though she had numerous other injuries includ-ing five fractures of her left leg, a badlyburnt hand and multiple bruising.

Mr John Nutting, counsel for the prosecution, alleged during the trial that her injuries were consistent with the baby being slammed against a wall or rammed against the floor. Neither Mason nor Aston showed any

signs of emotion when the partial verdicts were announced. Mason, wearing a white sweatshirt with a cartoon dog on the front,

scribbled notes as Mr Justice Turner asked the jury if they wanted to continue

Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who headed the inquiry into the death of Kimberley Carlile in 1986, said the

Government's Children Bill would give "much needed and long overdne" guidance to social workers faced with the dilemma of tackling child cruelty cases.

"Uotil now, legislation has been very unsatisfactory because it has been unclear, dotted all over the statute books and has given social workers the opportunity to claim that they could not act effectively because there were no clear guidelines," he said last night.

He pointed to the inquiries - totalling more than 20 - into child death cases since 1974 and said: "There is no ready answer to the problem. Cleveland illustrated the dilemma social workers constantly face: they are either criticized for being too slow to intervene or too The Children Bill is an

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FAMOUS GROUSE Quality in an age of change.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Man accused of murdering PC

Nicholas Anthony Hill, aged 20, of Rockfield Street, Newport, Gwent, appeared at Coventry Magistrates' Court yesterday accused of murdering Police Constable Gavin Carlton, aged 29, attempting to murder Police Constable Leonard Jakeman, aged 38, and robbery.

Mr Hill was remanded in custody until Friday. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Mr Hill's court appearance came 24 hours after a robbery at the Midland bank in Tile Hill, Coventry, which was followed by a police chase and the deaths of PC Cariton and

Extradition agreed

Britain's request for the extradition of David John Evans, wanted in connection with the death of Anna Humphries, aged 15, was granted yesterday by the Court of Appeal in Lyons, south-eastern France. Mr Evans was arrested by French police last month while trying to hitch a lift. The extradition order must be ufficially confirmed by the Justice Ministry in Paris before action can be taken, so Mr Evans is unlikely to return to Britain until after Christmas. He had agreed to be handed over to the British authorities.

Estate agents guilty

Two Hampshire estate agents, Peter Lee-Emery and Rory Butler, both of Church Crookham, were found guilty at Winchester Crown Court yesterday of conspiring to obtain property by deception. Lee-Emery received a 12-monthsuspended jail sentence, and must pay £7,500 compensa-tion. Butler, too ill yesterday to attend, will receive the same sentence. Mr John Smart, solicitor, of New Milton, Hampshire, Mr Paul Trundle, of Basingstoke, and Mrs

£28m order for BAe

British Aerospace yesterday entered the expanding Far East airline market when it announced a £28 million order for two four-engine BAe 146 regional jetliners. Thai International will take delivery of the two aircraft early next year as part of its expansion plans to link regional centres with Bangkok. BAe is confident that more orders for the 146 known as the world's quietest jet — will follow from the region. It has now sold 145 of the aircraft.

Cleveland reprimand

Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, one of the doctors at the centre of the Cleveland child abuse inquiry, yesterday received a severe reprimand and a warning over his further conduct. Northern Regional Health Authority told him he could continue working in Cleveland but could not deal with child abuse patients. Dr Marietta Higgs, the other paediatrician criticized for handling of child abuse cases, is taking legal action to stop the authority from disciplining her.

Toy guns warning

Parents were warned yesterday not to buy a toy "pop gum" that can kill. The Chinese-made toy which sells for 50p has been on the banned imports list for 14 years. But safety chiefs believe a Christmas consignment slipped into Britain a month ago through Humberside docks. The toy guns which fire a cork on a string - contain a potentially lethal spring-loaded steel spike which can work loose.

Britain to request Irish trial for Ryan

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the wanted for offences in Britain Attorney General, is expected to be tried in the Irish Repubto decide tomorrow to ask the lic. Mr John Murray, the Irish lrish Director of Public Attorney General, suggested Prosecutions to bring charges against the Irish priest, Patrick

It is likely that Father Ryan, whose whereabouts is at present unknown, would face two charges under the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act of 1976.

These would be a charge of possessing explosives with in- be used, after consultation tent to endanger life; and one of possessing explosives in suspicious circumstances.

These alleged offences, which relate to the United Kingdom, can be tried in the republic under a section of the 1976 Act.

The Crown Prosecution Service has already approached up to 60 witnesses who would have to travel from Britain to the republic and the Government is certain to seek assurances that they would be adequately pro-

The Criminal Law Jurisdic- gium refused to extradite him tion Act allows suspects to Britain.

that Britain should use the Act when he refused extradition warrants from London last

Sir Patrick has said in the Commons that while the **Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act** is no substitute for extradition, he would be prepared to re-examine whether it could with police and others in-

If he goes ahead, the dossier of evidence in the case would be sent to Mr Eamonn Barnes. the Irish Director of Public Prosecutions, who will decide whether charges are warranted. If he believes they are, the gardai would be instructed to arrest Father Ryan.

Father Ryan is reported to have visited members of his family in Co Tipperary. The former missionary has been in hiding since his return to Ireland last month, after Bel-

Sinn Fein ban to be challenged in High Court

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The Government's controversial broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein and other Northern Ireland organizations is to be challenged legally in London and Belfast.

The action, which is being coordinated by the National Union of Journalists, threatens Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her administration with years of embarrassing court cases, and probably another appearance before the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg.

An application for leave to apply for judicial review of the broadcasting ban announced by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, in October was lodged with the High Court in London on Monday. A similar legal move will be made shortly in

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, Britain's leading human rights barrister, who was involved in the Spycatcher case, has been hired by the NUJ to fight the case Mr Harry Conroy, NUI general secretary, said yesterday.
"We believe what we are doing is very important for the media in this country, for broadcasters, and for the public because any democracy requires a free flow of information and it should not be for the Government to decide what the

public can hear or see".

Lord Bonham-Carter, a former BBC governor and chairman of Index on Censorship, which is supporting the legal challenge, said: "It is extremely important this matter should be tested in the courts. I would have hoped the action would have been taken by the BBC and IBA who I think have a duty to defend their position".

Lord Bonham-Carter said the law required both organizations to be impartial. "I cannot see that this notice allows them to exercise that due impartiality since they are unable to report the activities of members of Sinn Fein, which is a

lawful political party, in the fashion they would report any other political

"The Government argues its case in a contradictory way. It says broadcasting is such an important medium that special measures have to be taken given the situation in Northern Ireland - in which case this is a very serious breach of freedom of speech.

"On the other hand it says the ban is trivial because all the information can be obtained in the Press or reported - voiced over - on television".

The judicial review application has been made on behalf of six journalists, including Mr Fred Emery, a former journalist for The Times who works for BBC's Panorama, Mr Donald Brind, a leading NUJ official at the BBC, and employees of ITN and Independent

The journalists will seek to have Mr Hurd's ban overturned as ultra vires and invalid because they believe it conflicts with fundamental principles of the editorial independence of broadcasters, which should

be subject only to the ordinary law of the land. They also claim the ban breaches the European Convention on Hu-

man Rights' guarantee of freedom of expression, which includes the right of the media to impart information and ideas of all kinds. "The court will be asked to hold that the Home Secretary's defence of the ban - that interviews with

terrorists and their supporters are offensive to viewers and that such groups gain support from media coverage - is contradictory and was advanced without any evidence in support of either argument", a union statement said.

The NUJ will pay most of the legal fees, which could run into hundreds of thousands of pounds. It is being supported by the ACTT, the television technicians' union, and

the Broadcasting Entertainment Trades Alliance, which is expected to offer financial support. Article 19, an international human rights organization. Index on Censorship, and interights are also backing the

Woman

legal challenge. The case to be lodged in the High Court in Belfast will claim that Mr Hurd's directions are unlawful under the Northern Ireland Consti-tution Act 1973, which explicitly prohibits discrimination on grounds

of political opinion. It is argued that journalists are being required to act unlawfully by treating the representatives of the listed organizations differently from nther groups, and hy keeping off the air the words of anyone who supports any aspect of the listed organizations' policies.

The NUJ will today disclose details of a similar legal challenge to the Irish government's ban on listed organizations. The ban is due for renewal next month.

Police warn of campaign after parcel bombs found

By Craig Seton

sorting office on Monday

night. The bag containing the

device had been handed in at a

post office in Coventry or

Experts yesterday began

senior detectives suspect they

are connected with the Black

The movement's previous

claims were followed by

warnings to police that they

would be killed if they did not

ston their "harassment" of the

Clinton McCurbin, a black

man aged 24, died while being

arrested in February last year.

An inquest later returned a

The second device was

delivered to the home of Mr

Mellor and the third was

addressed to Supt John Carter

at Wednesfield police station,

although he works at a

Mr Mellor said that inside

the parcel was a card wishing

him Happy Christmas, signed

Graisley OAP group, whom

he knew from constituency work. Also inside was a

Wolverhampton station.

Warwickshire that day.

by X-ray.

West Midlands police yes-terday warned leading figures and the public to be on the alert for a Christmas bombing campaign after three parcel bombs addressed to two police officers and a former officer were discovered.

The parcel bombs were addressed to Mr Geoffrey Dear, chief constable of the West Midlands, one of his superintendents and a former senior officer. They are be-lieved to be the work of an urban terror group calling itself the Black Liberation Front.

One of the bombs was hidden in a package containing a Christmas greeting from a pensioners' group. It was opened partly by Mr John Mellor, a former police superintendent, who had his grandson, Adam, aged 18 months, at his side.

Mr Mellor was the Conservative parliamentary canin Wolverhampton South East in the last election and is a local councillor. One of the parcels was

delivered to Wednestield pollater defused. All three pack-finding of accidental death.

ages were sealed with Christ
The second device we mas tape decorated with holly and candles.

Little is known about the Black Liberation Front except that it has claimed responsibility for five incidents in the past 18 months in the Wolverhampton area in which police were the targets of incendiary

The first parcel bomb, described as sophisticated and deadly, was addressed to the chief constable at his Birmingham headquarters. It exploded and caught fire after it was samped at Coventry's main door and called the police. Safety concern after ferry fire

Fresh fears over the safety of cross-Channel ferries were voiced last night after an engine room fire left a vessel and almost 500 passengers and crew stranded at sea yesterday in the fifth such incident this year.

The Department of Trans-port announced an immediate inquiry into the fire which crippled the main engine room in the Sally Star, the 9,000-ton Sally Line ferry, shortly after it had left Ramsgate yesterday norning en route for Dunkirk.

Five members of the crew were treated for smoke inhalation last night when the severely-damaged engine room was unscaled, three hours after the ferry had been towed back to Ramsga checking two million items of

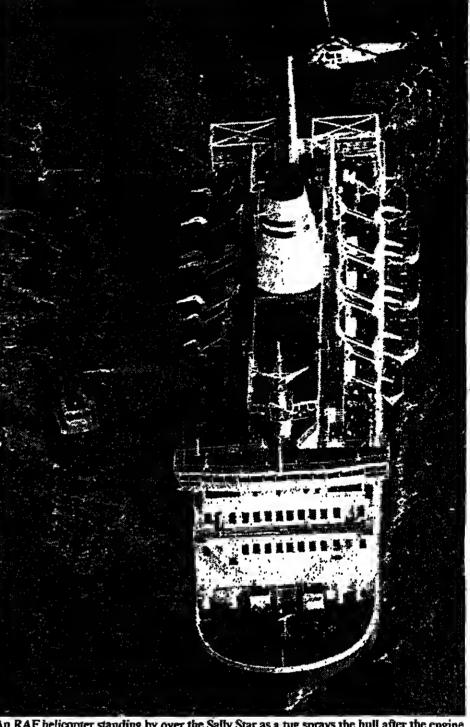
It was also disclosed yesmail at the Coventry sorting terday that P&O European office and checking packages Ferries and five engineering Mr Tom Meffen, assistant chief constable (crime), said the parcel addressed to Mr officers in European Gateway, the freight ferry on board which an engine room fire broke out in July, are to be Dear was "a viable device prosecuted under summe which could main and cause alleging breaches of the Mer-chant Shipping Health and Safety Regulations as a result quite horrific injuries to arms, hands or a face". He said he was keeping an open mind on the origin of the bombs but of that incident.

Sally Line will also hold its own inquiry into yesterday's fire and Kent Fire Brigade, which had two teams of specially-trained firemen flows to the vessel four miles off the Kent coast from RAF Manston, was last night investigating the cause of the black community. The group apparently emerged in the Wolverhampton area after

"Naturally we are concerned about these incidents, particularly as we have had whereas, in the past, they were Mr Bob Hunt, Kent's assistant chief fire officer, said. Earlier this year, Mr

Jeremy Beech, the county's fire chief, said there was a real danger of a major fire on a cross-Channel ferry after two vessels - Sealiak's Seafreight Freeway, in which an engineer died and another was badly burnt, and P&O's European him Happy Christmas, signed Gateway - suffered mid-by a Mrs Thomas from the Channel engine room fires within three days of each

In March, P&O's Nordic transparent bag containing a Ferry, with nearly 300 pas-battery wired to a tube. Sengers on board, was disabled He placed it outside the by an eagine room fire while beading for Felixstowe from



An RAF helicopter standing by over the Sally Star as a tug sprays the hull after the engine room fire crippled the ferry outside Ramsgate yesterday. The ship was towed back to port.

London Fire Brigade officers. They had been travelling to France on a Christmas shop-

Yesterday's fire was put out pened to be on board, stepped with the help of two off-duty in to man the ship's communication systems until the emergency services arrived.

Mr Paul Metcalfe, a techping expedition. A lifeboat nical college lecturer and radio language problems," he said.

radio operator, who also hap- operator in the Eastbourne lifeboat, volunteered when he saw the foreign captain having difficulties comm the radio.

Labour gives warning of big price increases next year

By Richard Ford Political Correspondent

Millions of families will suffer a drop in their living standards next year as they face a series of government-induced price rises on top of increased mortgages and rents, the Labour Party said vesterday.

It said family budgets could soar as the cost of mortgages, electricity, gas, transportation and water in-creased above the rate of inflation.

Mr Gordon Brown, shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said living costs were likely to rise by £10 a month before rents and mortgages were taken into account. Once they were added to the total, the average homeowning family could face £50 a month more in bills.

He listed a series of what he described as "government-induced rises, well above basic inflation", that would affect families next year. Mr Brown said that in January, rise hy 12 per cent and rail fares by 9 per cent, bringing an average increase of £2.40 a month.

Electricity prices were likely to rise by 6 per cent in March, and a month later, there would be an increase of 10 per cent in water rates, which would add £2.30 a month to bills, he said.

The price of gas would increase by 6 per cent in April, along with an increase of £3.50 in the cost of a

health charges. In addition, he said, homeowners would face higher mortgage and debt repayments.

He added: "Already inflation has virtually doubled from 3.3 per cent in January this year to 6.4 per cent last mouth.

"The latest figures show that while government decisions are forcing inflation towards 7 per cent during 1989, Japan is estimating inflation below 2 per cent for 1989,

West Germany and France below 3 per cent and Canada and America at 4.5 per cent."

Dr John Cunningham, shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, said Britain's tenth year under a Conservative government promised hefty price increases in essential services such as water, rates and rents. "Mrs Thatcher's Christmas present to the country will be the certain gifts of price increases", he said.

Armenia appeal fund nears £½m

By Nicholas Beeston Nearly £400,000 has been raised by the Musicians for Armenia appeal, and the organizers believe the figure will pass the one million mark hefore the end of the year.

The sell-out concert last Saturday at the Barbican Centre in London, which was co-sponsored by The Times, featured leading classical artists including Mstislav Rostropovich, the cellist, and

André Previn. Mr Joeske van Walsum chairman of the appeal, said a recording of the performance would be screened on television in the coming days in Austria, Belgium, The Netherlands, the Irish Republic, Spain, Japan, West Germany, Sweden, and, at prime time on Christmas Day, in the United States. The Soviet Union will show the concert.

"I am very confident that before the year is out we will have raised more than £1 is to be given to the British million", he said. The mo Armenia rebuilds, page 5 By Peter Davenport

the government decision to buy the British-built Challenger 2 tank for the Army rather than its American rival. It might be expected that the hero created by Ian Fleming, the author, would know more than a little about things explosive. But the Mr Bond speaking after yesterday's government announcement was perhaps more qualified than his namesake to youch for the

qualities of the new weapons system. He is one of the 850 workers at the factory of Vickers Defence Systems in Leeds, West Yorkshire, whose jobs were secured by the announcement from Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State

for Defence, yesterday. Mr Bond, aged 44, joined the Royal Ordnance workforce 28 years ago and remained on the payroll when the factory was taken over by Vickers in October 1986. He now works as a machine miller

in a new £14 million factory. Yesterday he reflected the pride of the workforce in its product and its intense relief that the buy-British order had been confirmed. "We build a better tank than the Americans, we have always provided the Army with just what they want. The news that we have won the competition takes the weight off everyone's

The Vickers factory, in the Seacrost

Challenger 2 tank order Workers hail decision to buy British

suburb of north Leeds, is a modern, low level building of aluminium with a bright James Bond wished it to be known yellow stripe running its entire length. It yesterday that he thoroughly approved of looks more like a toy factory than that of a tank manufacturer and is located, inconspicuously, along a suburban road which runs between the National Westminster bank on one corner and the Carpet Kingdom warehouse on the other. A signpost simply carries the

outline of a tank and the name Vickers. Last night a jubilant workforce teemed out at the end of the day shift past a Christmas tree decorated with coloured lights standing by the main gates. They conceded that their best Christmas present, however, had been the words delivered by Mr Younger.

Mr Peter Mauby, the works convener, said: "We are delighted. It is a guarantee of protection for employment for years We are absolutely confident that we

will provide the vehicle needed to specification and on time. All we wanted was an opportunity to do so." The company has been given 21 months to develop the prototype for Challenger 2. Last night Mr Jim Prince,

the company's operations director, said

that the first prototype model would be

ready for trial by 1990 with the first

production tanks coming off line two years later. The decision to opt for Challenger 2 is expected to create major opportunities

for Vickers for export in the worldwide tank market estimated to be worth £12 billinn over the next 10 years, particularly in the Middle East. As soon as Mr Younger made his

announcement in the Commons yesterday, senior management at the Leeds factory called all the workers to a shop floor meeting where they were told the

The government decision to remain layal to Vickers, the sole tank manufacturer in Britain, was taken after intense lobbying by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

As well as the 840 jobs at stake in Leeds, there are a further 750 at a Vickers plant on Typeside, and about 10,000 other jobs in the country are dependent on contracts with the company. Mr Prince, the operations director, said he believed the decision to opt for

Challenger 2 had been taken purely on "We have won this fiercely contested defence contract because after two years of intense evaluation our solution was

the best on quality and price." Workers at the Vickers tank factory begin their week-long Christmas holiday on Friday. The news they went home with last night meant that they will face the new year with renewed confidence.

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EETPU courts trainees

By Roland Radd The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union yesterday disclosed membership to all trainees on

the Government's controversial Employment Training programme. The union, which was expelled from the TUC last September, believes it is in a position to win support from thousands of trainees because of Congress hostility towards

the training programme. While the union will make it clear to trainees that it strongly opposes aspects of the training scheme, it will argue that it is the only union prepared to get involved to represent the interests of those taking part.

All trainces will be eligible to join the special transitional training section, which will provide them with all the union's benefits free of charge. The union will offer legal aid, training and information services, cheap car and house

insurance, and access to its

research department.

Ozone layer threat

UK will sign pact on curbing CFCs

The Government will announce today that it has ratified an international agreement aimed at restricting the use of substances destroying the Earth's protective layer of ozone. The restrictive measures, which have been opposed, come into force on

January 1, 1989. France and Belgium have refused to accept the terms of the treaty drawn up at a scientific meeting of the United Nations Environment Programme in Montreal in

September last year. It limits the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and halons found in aerosols, refrigerators, air conditioners

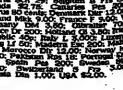
and fire extinguishers. The rest of the European Community countries have followed Britain's lead to protect the layer of ozone that filters from the atmosphere the ultra-violet radiation that is withering to human, animal

and plant life. Their endorsement of the

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and its acceptance by the United States, Canada, the Soviet Union and Japan, means that the nec-15 countries have signed, bringing the treaty into

It is technically illegal because of the French, and Belgian disagreement, but the European Commission is signing on behalf of all those in agreement. From the beginning of next year the new treaty will im-

pose a freeze on the level of consumption of CPCs, with a timetable to cut production by 50 per cent hy the end of the



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Girl photographer found murdered in alley undergrowth

Police last night launched a struggle were found in Hola young woman photographer was found in undergrowth in

an alley in south London. She was identified as Lorraine Benson, aged 22, from South Norwood, who specialized in taking photographs of young children. She had been savagely attacked and been partly clothed body process. partly clothed body was dumped in the dimly-lit

Cottenham Park walk. Detectives last night said the attack could be linked with two rapes and an attempted rape during the past two months in the Norbiton area. They all took place close to

railway stations.
Two were close to Norbiton station and a third, involving a girl aged 17, took place near New Malden station, but the woman managed to beat off;

Miss Benson, who worked for Carousel Portraits in Cobham, Surrey, had attended a party at Arding & Hobbs store in Clapham. She was due to visit a friend and his family in

Raynes Park later that night. She was dropped at Clap-ham Junction, from where she travelled to Raynes Park at about midnight where her friend was expected to meet

She telephoned his house shortly after midnight to say she had arrived but she never completed the journey to the house in Holland Avenue. The man had arrived late and assumed she had left.

Later the man's mother became worried and reported her missing to the police after searching for her in adjoining

Airports

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murder hunt after the body of land Avenue about 200 yards from the house but the body was found about three quarters of a mile away.

Chief Supt Bernie Davis, who is leading the hunt. declined to comment on whether she had been sexually assaulted. He said the body was covered with severe

He called for witnesses who. might have seen Miss Benson at about midnight in Raynes Park, walking along Coombe Lane towards the A3.

He said: "It is a bosy road which is a main link between Kingston and Wimbledon and it is well lit. The alley where the body was found is also a well-used cut-through."

It was likely that the assail-ant would have had a detailed knowledge of the area. "She was carrying a Vodaphone but she didn't even have time to use it". he said.

Mr Davis said it was possible the woman had either run away from her attacker in Holland Avenue or the assailant had put her body into a car and dumped it later. Detectives said her clothing

was scattered over a 200-yard radius from the alley. They believed the clothes, which included jeans, underwear, a coat, boots and a handbag, had been discarded after the attack. Other clothing was also found in Holland Avenue.

The police recovered all Miss Benson's clothes. She was said to have been wearing a mustard jumper, blue jeans, brown calf-length boots, a white raincoat with blue lining and hood. She was carrying a reets. black handbag and had a Detectives said signs of a change of clothing in a plastic

tional progress, may grow up emotionally retarded, unable

to form mature relationships, and may even become suicidal

in adulthood, two leading

Dr Joan Freeman, of Manchester University and

President of the European

Council for High Ability,

which promotes research and information, said: "Many of

these children are paying a harsh penalty for their brilli-

ance. Some are potential

British Rail's policy of pri-

vatizing activities not central to the running of the railways

took a step forward yesterday when it announced that a management team had bought its Travellers' Fare station

The new owners will have

about 270 catering outlets at

140 stations throughout Bri-

quired by a group of 10 senior managers and directors, led by

Mr David Bailey, manag director, and Mr Chris Ma-

guire, operations director.

Mr Bailey refused to dis-

close the price paid but said £20.5 million had been raised under the leadership of 3i, the

venture capital company. Only

catering organization.

psychologists said.

bag for her overnight stay. Mr Davis said officers from Norbiton investigating the three recent sexual attacks were helping with the

He said a similar description of the attacker had been given after each assault. The man was said to be aged 35 to 40, between 5ft 10in and 6ft broad-chested, medium build and "noticeable staring eyes" as well as mousy hair, a crooked nose, unshaven, an-uneven fringe and wearing a dark coat and jeans.

Last night Mr Michael Benson, Miss Benson's father, said his daughter had called on Monday night at about 8.30pm to say she was staying with her friend.

He said his daughter had lodged in a vicarage with the man and three other friends a short time ago.

Police last night said the man was still helping them with their inquiries but was unlikely to be hinked in any way with the killing. Mr Benson said the man's mother had telephoned him at about 1.20am yesterday morning to say his daughter had not arrived. He then went

for her. He described his daughter as "full of life, who lived for her photography" and enjoyed the music of Elvis Presley and

out with the police to search

Tamia Motown.

He said: "This is bloody stupid - this sort of thing is just going on every day of the year. But you never think it will happen to you."

Mr Benson has two other daughters, Karen, aged 28 and Tanya, aged 25.



Miss Lorraine Benson, whose body was found in undergrowth in south London

British Psychology Society conference

Bright pupils risk being 'emotionally retarded'

By Richard Evans

Media Editor Heathrow and Gatwick airports are to have their own community radio station to help to advise passengers and staff of travel arrangements and delays, it was announced

The contract is one of 21 which will be advertised by the thority is the first wave of community radio to arrive in

Many of the community stations are expected to be on the air in 1989, providing a mixture of music, local information and news.

A short list of 26 areas from which the radio contracts will be awarded include:

Greater London (FM). Greater London (ethnic), Brixton, London (ethnic), Haringey, London (ethnic), Houns-low, London (ethnic), Thames-mend, London, Ceatral meag, Loadon, Ceatral Birmingham, Coventry (eth-nic) or Wolverhampton (eth-nic), Ceatral Manchester (ethnic), Stockport, Bathgate (West Lothian), Easterhouse (Glasgow) or Paisley, Stirling, Belfast, Bradford (ethnic), Bristol, East Newcastle or Sunderland, Isle of Wight, Kettering or St Albans, Rutland, Sheffield and Tendring

Higgins debt

Alex Higgins, the snooks player, yesterday arranged to pay a £100,000 tax debt by in-stalments. After a private hearing in London an Inland Revenue spokesman said: "He wants to pay over six mouths and that offer has been accepted".

12 still held

Serrey and Scotland Yard detectives were last night still questioning 11 men and a woman held in raids in southeast London by police investigating a trail of attacks across Surrey last week in which one man died, another was severely injured and a couple were burgled.

Portfolio

Mr Peter Butchard, from Greenwich, south-east London, was the sole winner of vesterday's £4,000 Portfolio

Mr Butchard, aged 80 said he was delighted to be the first Punch and Judy man to win the competition. He is planning a cycling holiday in the Shetland Islands with his wife next spring, but his puppets which have been taken on previous holidays in New Zealand and Australia — will stay behind this time.

By Thomson Prentice Today's teenagers are far less 1960's little more than 10 per agers are more hard-headed Science Correspondent likely to marry and have a cent had married by the age of haby than they were in the 20, says the report by the 1960s, according to a report Family Policy Studies Centre.

More than two thirds of Thousands of Britain's brightest schoolchildren are at risk of serious psychological dam-

age because they are pushed too far, too fast, by parents, teachers, and themselves, a conference was told yesterday. Of women born in the 1940's and 50's, 30 per cent The youngsters, described as "hot-house children" because of their rapid educa-

Wilkins writes).

married while they were teen-agers. Of women born in the

ers are potential suicides. Thousands have problems."

Dr Freeman, who has conducted a 10-year study of more than 100 high-IQ pupils, and has opened a counselling service for talented children in Harley Street, said some of the difficulties were due to pressure to work harder "for the good of the school".

the education of individuals, so that a 14-year-old might be

More than two thirds of teenage births are now outside marriage, compared with just a quarter in the Sixties.

The report also says teen-

educational performance.

a part of that sum was to cover ellers' Fare activities outside

Teachers could mishandle

Management buy-out

Station catering privatized

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

the purchase price, the remainder being required for

Travellers' Fare includes many of the familiar brand

names seen at railway stations

such as Casey Jones, Upper Crust, Quicksnack and Coffee

Shop. Last year it had profits

of about £7 million on a turn-

Mr Bailey said all 10 man-

agers involved in the buy-out

had to take on substantial

obligations to finance their

For the first year they would

be consolidating existing business and sharpening their
brand images, but after that
they would be looking at the
prospect of extending Trav-

operating capital.

over of £74 million.

stake in the business.

Nobel Prize winners, but oth- in a class of 17-year-olds, with before his A Levels but still little in common except

> One girl studied had an IQ of 170 and was "so special" that she ended up as the only pupil in her class. At university she found it "terrible" because she judged many fellow students to be "stupid", Dr Freeman said, "She had no conception what the rest of the world was really like".

A boy with an 1Q of 165 revised for only five minutes

railway stations, something they had been banned by law

from doing while part of British Rail.

They would be offering their

As part of the preparations

for privatizing station catering Travellers' Fare was formed into a limited company within

The next section to be

privatized will be BREL 88,

formerly the Railway Work-

shops, for which another

management buy-out is poss-

Among earlier privatiza-

tions by British Rail were its

hotels and cross-Channel ferry

3,500 staff a share option

scheme in the new year.

British Rail last year.

precocious, and can grow up conceited, arrogant, with few now than they were two defriends, little sense of humour, and lacking the capacity to

Marriage and children are not among the immediate concerns of those aged 14-19, they are more interested in cars and motorbikes, says the report, a compilation of more than 30 recent surveys.

logical Society.

Dr Freeman said gifted pupils should be brought together and encouraged to where he wanted without share their interests, rather than being left to become isolated. "We must develop much effort, and he did." Dr Freeman and Dr Michpolicies to look after the bright ael Howe, of Exeter Univeras well as the undersity, were among the speakers at a conference organized in developed."

tion, he said.

London by the British Psycho-Dr Howe said: "Parents can be over-demanding and neurotic about their children's

She and Dr Howe said most gifted children developed normally. Dr Howe's advice to parents was: "Give children time, patience and attention. development and put them Support their endeavours, but under intense pressure. Some don't overdo it."

One of the saddest out-

comes was that exceptionally

gifted children could do little

with their talents because they

lacked a firm sense of direc-

Extra £2m state cash for heart transplants

By Our Science Correspondent

Britain's four heart transplant is to get a further £152,000. £2 million next year to enable about 50 additional operations to be performed. Just over £9 million will be

available for heart and heartlung transplants in 1989-90. Harefield Hospital, west London, will have just over £1 million, bringing its new allocation to almost £4.15

million. Papworth Hospital, Cam-bridgeshire, and Wythen-shawe Hospital, Manchester, each receive about £500,000.

The Papworth money will help to pay for transplants at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, Newcastle Hospital

centres will receive extra gov- More than 450 heart transerument funding of more than plants are planned next year. Meanwhile the Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, is setting up a £250,000 public appeal in an attempt to become Britain's fifth heart

transplant centre. The Sheffield Heart Transplant Fund, will finance a pilot programme of 12 transplants over two years.

 More lung transplants may be carried out as a result of a £41,000 research project funded by the British Lung Foundation.

New methods of extending donor lungs' storage time pending transplantation are being investigated by doctors at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, north-west London.

asked airlines to incorporate more spare capacity instead of using aircraft every avail-

the available system capacity ... then the level of delays will tend to increase", the authority says.

Mr Howard Davies, secretary of the British Air Transport Association, said last night: "We are uneasy about all the statistics because both the Government and the CAA have consistently underestimated the demand for air travel.

"The whole industry convinced of the need for additional runways and terminals in the South-east. Planning for that must start as soon as possible because building a new runway can

Aftermath of Coventry siege

Thatcher resists call for gun ban

By Richard Ford and Craig Seton

The Prime Minister resisted tribute to the "bravery and pressure for tougher controls courage" of the police. on guns yesterday in the wake of Monday's siege and fatal shooting of a policeman in

In the Commons, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said she would wait to see the effect of the little safer". new firearms Act when MPs questioned her on the killing of PC Gavin Carlton, and on a decision in the High Court to return a shotgun licence to a man from Kent with convictinns for assault and a prison

As tributes for PC Carlton were made in Coventry, the Prime Minister said it was important to wait until the new regulations came into effect before judging whether further action was needed. Mr David Winnick (Lab-

our) and Mr Roger Gale (Conservative) called for righter controls on weapons, and for steps to ban the issuing of firearms to convicted

Mrs Thatcher told Mr Gale: It would first be best to get the Act we passed fully into operation. It does tighten the criteria for the issuing of shotgun certificates. It is a very considerable advance on present legislation."

She said the court decision had been taken under the old firearms Act, passed in 1968, which the new legislation was designed to replace. Under the new measures, police could refuse a licence if the applicant had no "good rea-son" to keep a shotgun.

"They will have to be satisfied that the applicant will not be a danger to public safety. Shotgun-owners will be required to keep their shotguns securely to minimize the risk of theft, and all shotguns have to be registered sepa-

tion on the outskirts of the city, where he had worked since joining the force seven years ago. A highly qualified police driver, he loved cars and had requested a transfer to the traffic division of West Mid-

In Coventry, an anonymous

resident taped two red carna-

tions to the wall inside Little Park Street police station yes-

terday, with the message:
"Because of you the world is a

Police colleagues also paid tribute to PC Carlton, aged 29, who, with PC Leonard

Jakeman, was gunned down

chasing a pair of armed bank

robbers on Monday morning.

One of the gunmen later shot

himself dead and the other surrendered PC Jakeman was

PC Carlton, married with

no children, was part of the

20-strong A unit at Fletch-ampstead Highway police sta-

seriously injured.

Mr Geoffrey Dear, the Chief Constable, said officers such as PC Carlton and PC Jakeman frequently had to face danger unarmed. How-ever, he doubted that equipping all officers with guns would provide an answer.

Chief-Inspector Ron Pearce, the deputy sub-divisinnal commander, said: "PC Carlton was carrying out his normal duties. Is could have been any nne of the A unit who responded to that call. He was very happy doing his jub. The dangers are discussed and tend to be made light of by the officers. Fortunately, it is still rare for officers to be gunned down." PC Cariton lived at Leam-

ington Road, Coventry, His wife was said to be devastated. ntely", she said.

His parents were too disMrs Thatcher also paid traught to talk yesterday.

Wounded officer had shooting premonition

By Ronald Faux

The parents of PC Leonard three young children." PC Jakeman, the police officer Jakeman left the serious seriously wounded by armed crimes squad three weeks ago. bank robbers in Coventry, He was engaged in less dansaid yesterday their son had a premonition that he or his colleagues would be shot.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Jakeman, of Nuneaton, Warwickshire, said he told them, while working recently in the serious crime squad in Birmingham, that he wanted Len. to leave the squad, but not the

police force. "It was only a few weeks ago and he never normally talked like that", Mr Jakeman said. "He had been in the squad for some time and said to me,

Pop, I have got to get out of this', meaning the squad. "Either myself or my mates are going to get shot one day'. I told him not to talk like that but agreed it would be an idea to leave the squad because he

gerous police work when he was shot, unarmed, on Monday.

His wife, Julia, aged 37, said: "He's very brave and very lucky. I feel for the family of the other policeman; it could so easily have been

Mrs Jakeman waited for five hours while her husband underwent emergency surgery "When I got to see him he

was in a lot of pain but was still cracking jokes. He's been chatting up the nurses today so I know he's all right."

Asked if she wanted her husband to stay in the force, Mrs Jakeman said: "At the moment I don't want him to go back. But it is his joh and he enjoys it. It if is what he wants. saw so little of his wife and his I would not stand in his way."



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CALVET - THE REAL TASTE OF BORDEAUX.

Big surge expected in air travel despite tunnel Greenwich Borough Council Government had the right to acted unlawfally by launching

back their arguments in the

latest statistics. Though it is

now believed that by 1995,

5.4 million passengers who

would otherwise travel by air

The number of people travelling by air could double within the next 12 years and triple five years later, in spite of the Channel tunnel's development and a reduction in the growth of tourism, the Department of Transport

A report published yesterday predicts that up to 234.5 million people a year will pass through British airports by the year 2005, compared with 86 million last

However, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, told the Commons yesterday that the London area still had "substantial spare runway capacity at Stansted" and delayed making any decision failed in its High Court action re-examine designs for the a review of the plans and asked to delay plans for a bridge £183 million bridge. Green-across the Thames yesterday, wich said the departments of the court ruled that the transport and the environment overturned.

on building more runways. He is waiting for a detailed analysis of long-term air congestion by the Civil Aviation Anthority, which should be completed by July. "I shall neither take por endorse any decisions on airport capacity until I have

Airlines and passenger organizations have been urging him to take immediate action to increase the number of runways and terminals in the South-east to avoid a repetition of last summer's

They will have much to

considered that advice", he

to the Continent will use the Channel tunnel, and that congestion at British tourist attractions will reduce the number of foreign visitors flying in by about one million, 21.5 million more people than forecast two years ago are neverthless expected to travel by air in

Yesterday's report admits that "some degree of congestion will occur in the London terminal control area before

1995", when a new air traffic control system is implemented by the Civil Aviation Authority. The CAA also published its own report on likely conges-

term analysis it is preparing for Mr Channon The authority believes that passengers who endured long delays last summer may switch to other forms of transport next year and that airlines will use higger aircraft. It therefore predicts that the number of aircraft move-

ments could rise by as little as per cent next year. However, the CAA has

able hour of the day.

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Apology from Mrs Gorbachov

Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, the wife of the Soviet Preside has written to a British school to apologise for not being able to accept their invitation to

Britain because of the Armechov's letter also passed on the thanks of President Gorbachov to the British people for their help towards

written to Mrs Gorbacho

It said: "Dear Children,

Thank you very much for you

invitation and your kind and warm letter. I would have very sench liked to come to your school, listen to the steel band



try was one of the first to react

were unable to come to London strone the visit and had to po

interested how Soviet children

"I wish you all joy, health and happiness. Mikhall vich joins me in these

Mr Jo Rea, beads the school, said: "The children are very excited that they got take up the suggestion to forge

Courts set up TV links for child abuse victims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Judges, lawyers, court officials and police yesterday saw the first live demonstra-tion of how television links will be used in child abuse trials.

The showing, at Liverpool Crown Court, was given by officials from the Lord Chancellor's Department who are starting a nationwide programme to familiarize judges, lawyers and others with how the video links work.

It was part of a pilot project of live television links for child witnesses which is being launched in 14 court centres in England and Wales on January 5 - the first use of video links for giving evidence in criminal trials involving

In a recent sex ring case at the Central Criminal Court, the witnesses were screened off so that they would not have to see the defendants, but they were not in a separate room as will be the case in the 14 crown court centres; they could still be seen by judge, jury and counsel.

A camera and screen were brought in, but this was only to enable defendants to watch the witnesses give evidence, while ensuring the witnesses did not have to

face the defendants.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has welcomed the installation of the video links equipment. "It is an important development in the presentation of evidence. I hope it will

help those children who unfortunately have to give evidence in child abuse and assault cases, and I shall be most interested to see how effective it is in practice."

The new equipment has been installed under provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, 1988 which allow children under 14 to give their evidence from outside the potentially stressful environment of a courtroom.

By means of a live television link, children who are giving evidence about alleged physical or sexual offences can take part in the proceedings from a less formal room near by; they will be able to see the judge and counsel in the

courtroom on a television screen. The child, who can be accompanied by a supporter or friend, is seen by those in the courtroom on other television

some children who have been victims or witnesses of abuse find the formality of

court proceedings an additional trauma. The video links are an attempt to reduce this, while maintaining the opportunity for cross-examination which is an important and central feature

of the trial process. Meanwhile, Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, has set up an advisory group under Judge Thomas

Pigot, QC, to look at the practical implications of allowing the pre-re-corded video statements of children who may be victims of abuse to be admissible as evidence in criminal trials.

The courts chosen for the pilot scheme are: Birmingham, Nottingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Mold, Swansea, Exeter, Winchester, Central Criminal Court, Chelmsford, Guildford, Maidstone, and Southwark.

If successful, the system could be extended to other courts throughout the country.

Equipment for the pilot scheme has been hired bired from Datapoint Ltd and Channel Communications plc. Two British businessmen gave evidence last week via a satellite video conference in a trial taking place in

Evidence taken over a video conference system has been admissible in the United States only since February and this is thought to be the first time witnesses have given evidence in this

The link was arranged by the London lawyers, Nicholas Graham and Jones, as agents Folcy and Lardner, US lawyers. The evidence was given from the Maxwell Business Television Videoconferencing suite at the Inter-continental Hotel.

Church exile's anniversary

New fight over deportation

chester sacristy today as cler-ics and political activists launch a new legal offensive to prevent his deportation.

Placing one foot outside the Church of the Ascension, in the deprived inner-city area of Hulme, would mean instant arrest by police, who maintain 24-hour surveillance on Mr

Mr Mendis, one of Sri Lanka's Sinhalese majority, supports the cause of the rival Tamils. Supporters say if he would immediately be arres-ted and probably executed.

The soft-spoken "refugee" who arrived in Manchester in 1973, chooses to continue to share the small priests' robing room with cassocks, candles

and incense. Supporters will attempt to have the case reopened, although appeals have so far failed. Members of the Mendis

Mr Viraj Mendis, a Sri Lan-kan, begins his third year of self-imposed exile in a Man-chester sacristy today as cler-ics and political activists

Defence Campaign say the present election violence in Sri Lanka is proof of the fate awaiting Mr Mendis should the Home Office carry out the

deportation order. "Of course I'm imprisoned inside the church and it is very frustrating to know there is little I can do to change the situation". Mr Mendis said yesterday. "But the alternative would mean committing suicide by voluntarily surrendering and being returned to Sri Lanka, where my fate is

"There is no way I would leave voluntarily, as that would be an act of suicide. The mood in Sri Lanka is very bad and I am regarded as a traitor to the Sinhalese race for backing the Tamil cause.

"I will stay here because I have no choice. Life is a constant strain, full of frustrations, and I am constantly in the middle of a political battleground."

To keep himself busy. Mr

Mendis, who at one stage was offered a £10,000-a-year job by the Manchester City Council as an immigration adviser keeps up his involvement with the defence campaign.

Last night a candle-lit vigil was held outside the Church of the Ascension to mark the second anniversary of Mr Mendis's claim to protection under an ancient sanctuary law which ceased to have legal meaning in 1623.

The only reason Home Office officials have not forcibly entered the church is to allow all legal channels to be exhausted and prevent what community leaders believe could develop into street riots.

Although not a Christian, Mr Mendis will again be an onlooker as the Church of the Ascension congregation celebrates Christmas. Church members are plan-

ning Christmas gifts for their visitor, the church's most tent attender. Election result, page 7

DPP clears police of trial incompetence

An inquiry by the Director of Public Prosecutions has cleared police and prosecutors of "incompetence" in the trial last year of Mr Roger Birch, aged 21, who was acquitted of murdering two girls in a wood in Brighton in 1986.

In a letter to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, the DPP says he is satisfied the case was properly presented by experienced counsel at Mr Bishop's crown court trial, and every possible step was taken to show the jury all the material available.

Mr Bishop has issued a writ against Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex, alleging wrongful arrest and malicious prosecution. Sussex police said the allegation would be strongly contested.

Recruits ill

The RAF has sent 850 recruits home early for Christmas from its training camp in Swinderby, Lincolnshire, after an outbreak of meningitis. Two recruits aged 18 are being treated in hospital

Vergers look for better conditions

By Andrew Morgan

The vergers of the Church of England, typified for so long by the flat-capped Dad's Army figure, are anxiously looking to a church working party to recommend improvements in their wages and status.

They perform a myriad of tusks, including cleaning vestments and the alter, carpentry, security, administration and dealing with tourists.

Vergers have declined in numbers and are largely confined to cathedrals and large parish churches. Increasingly, they are taking on a greater share of the ministry and require a detailed knowledge of their church and an understanding of its mission.

can be paltry, with some cathedral vergers earning just £3,000 a year and those in inner cities even less. Most have no pension rights and usually receive no tied accommodation, unlike other lay

The church's initiative, set up at the request of the Guild of Vergers, will examine terms of employment and work

It will report to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York and the standing committee of the

General Synod. Mr David Dorey, the dean's verger at Westminster Abbey, described his church as a "role-model" in its attitude to vergers, but added that his colleagues at most others were not properly regarded.

Mr Dorey, a former secretary of the Guild of Vergers, said: "We are trying to be raised from a dog's body to a more "The Dad's Army image is way off the mark — there are many young vergers who see the job as a vocation, but they

still expect a living wage." Under a Guild of Vergers training scheme, staff are trained more for pastoral work in the ministry, such as comforting the bereaved, but that can be in addition to tending graveyards.

"There are many facets to the work and we hope the group will create a more professional attitude towards the verger", Mr Dorey said.

Several years ago, a Church House group undertook a preliminary review of vergers' conditions of work and improvements were made. The guild hopes the working group will make further recommendations.

Mr Derek Pattinson, General Synod general secretary, said: "We have to rethink the role of the verger and see if we are valuing them enough". Ultimately, though, wage rises will be decided by individual dioceses.

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Soviet consumers hedge against price rises with a run on gold

As the New Year holiday approaches, jewellery shops in many Soviet cities are attracting long queues and some have sold out of gold objects, especially in the lower price range. Gold and diamond rings have been in

The run on gold has been fuelled by persistent rumours that a price reform will be instituted at the beginning of next year, with gold increasing in price by nearly 50 per cent. Officials have tried to dispel the rumours, saying that although wholesale price increases are likely to rise, there will be no increase in retail prices without preliminary public discussion. But with a pro-

liferation of newspaper articles ing about the evils of inflation and the irrationality of the present price structure, official denials are being met with widespread

In the Soviet Union, as elsewhere, gold is seen as a hedge against inflation and sudden price

The country has only a poorly developed banking system, and many people prefer to keep their savings under the mattress. At the first hint of price rises, they rush to convert their paper money into the only sound investment they

Not everyone has a surplus of

one breadwinner, and pensioners often have to count every copeck.

At the other end of the scale, however, are people in well-paid jobs, and those who dabble in the black market, who have thousands of roubles saved and nothing to spend them on because of the acute shortage of quality con-

Quite how neglected the Soviet consumer sector has been was illustrated yesterday by figures published in Pravda

In a front-page editorial about shortages, the newspaper said heavy industry accounted for nearly 90 per cent of state spending on industry. Of the remaining roubles. Single parents, couples 10 per cent, only 3.7 per cent - or

billion) - was allocated to light industry, the rest went on food production and processing. Only in the past two years has the Soviet leadership started to abandon its insistence on the primacy of heavy industry - an ideological precept of Leninism

But half-hearted expressions of support for consumer goods production in official pronouncements, coupled with a planning system which still favours gross quantity over quality and demand, have retarded progress.

Pravda yesterday called for a radical shift in spending in favour of the food and consumer sectors, and took heavy industry to task for spending so much time and

money building huge factories that served only themselves. Of more than 700 new factories scheduled for completion this year, the paper said, little more than 100 had been completed and put into operation.

But it admitted that the present system of financing and planning new developments meant that state building contractors were registering record profit rises.

• Rouble confusion: The stated intention of the Soviet Union to move towards convertibility of the rouble appears to be causing conflict and confusion in Soviet

The head of the Soviet State Committee on Foreign Economic Relations, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Valery Kamentsev, was

quickly the proposed 50 per cent devaluation of the rouble against hard currencies would come into operation, whether it would be sudden or gradual, and whether it would apply to all currency transactions across the board or just to direct trade agreements.

Mr Kamentsev was elaborating on recent changes in foreign trade regulations designed to open up the Soviet Union to more foreign investment and switch the emphasis of Soviet exports from raw materials to manufactured goods.

The changes, published two weeks ago, include allowing foreigners to chair the boards of companies set np as joint ventures, allowing the foreign stake in

original proportion of 49 per cent, and allowing wage levels in such companies to be fixed by mutual agreement rather than according to existing Soviet regulations.

Mr Kamentsev said many questions were yet to be decided, such as whether and where to set up free-trade zones and whether Soviet statutory working conditions should apply to joint ventures.

The tariffs and taxation of goods exported by such companies was also under discussion.

He admitted that, up to now. the primary stumbling block to the establishment of joint ventures had been the need for their chairmen to be Soviet citizens.

Israel's new coalition

Shamir accused of treachery over his deal with Labour

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, yesterday came under violent attack education portfolio it had from the country's small right-been promised in an earlier wing and religious parties as well as from a growing body of opposition inside his own Likud party for the deal he struck on Monday with Mr Shimon Peres's Labour Party to form a broad-based nat-

ional unity government. The ultra-Orthodox Shas (Torah Gnardians) and Agudat Israel parties yes-terday accused him of outright "treachery" when he informed them bluntly that be would be unable to honour his earlier commitments to them. He said that they would have to settle for far less if they still wished to participate in the broad-based coalition now being formed with Labour.

He had earlier made farreaching concessions to the two parties, which had doubled their strength in last month's election, on the assumption that he would be forming a narrow right-wing religious coalition without the Labour Party.

Both parties said they would be recommending to the Central Committee. the religious elders who control them that they stay out of peared unperturbed by the new government and go into the opposition.

The extreme nationalist Tehiya party also cried trea- President if the central comson and said it too would not mittee failed to endorse the be joining the coalition. Mr agreement with Labour. Shamir formally told it yesterday that he would not be side Labour was much more able to honour his earlier muted yesterday. The party is commitment to give the party Knesset settlement com- treasury, hoping that his posmittee, through which it had hoped to spearhead a massive settlement drive in the occupied West Bank and Gaza

The National Religious central committee, which is the PLO. Party was likewise informed expected to meet this after-

30.00

The Israeli Prime Minister, by Mr Shamir yesterday that it noon, is expected to endorse would not be getting the education portfolio it had the agreements with little trouble.

> The opposition to the deal ing a coalition with Labour with Labour within Mr to the point of placing his Shamir's own Likud party gathered strength yesterday before last night's central companion called to proceed the property of the point of placing his personal career on the line — rather than a narrow-based government with the ideologically more consenial rightmittee meeting called to endorse the agreement. The outgoing Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Ariel Sharon, yesterday added his very considerable weight to calls by several Likud backbenchers that the deal mitch Likud leader results in the deal mitch leader results in the deal

that the deal with Labour be would have headed, had Labour gone into opposition, would not have been all that Vinardingen (AFP) — The first farm produce to be sold directly to a European country attractive to a man as fundamentally cautious and suspicious of radical change as He cannot have relished the

by Palestinian producers in the Israeli-occupied terri-taries, 1,100 tonnes of grapeprospect of giving in to the shrill calls for massive and fruits, arrived at this Dutch port yesterday.

Palestinians are allowed to aggressive settlement in the occupied territories from his sell directly to the 12 countries allies in the extreme rightof the EEC, without going through Israeli organizations, wing parties, whatever his own unshakeable belief in the under an October agreeme indivisibility of the Land of Israel and the right of Jews to

Moreover, a very large Labour-led opposition commanding at least 55 seats in the 120seat Knesset would have been a major thorn in Mr Shamir's form a government to the side, goading him every time he gave in to his own right wing and constantly challenging the stability of his fragile

Opposition to the deal in-At any rate, Mr Shamir has pointed out, for the time being particularly gratified that Mr at least Labour and Likud are es is to be given the at one in opposing any dealings with the PLO, which is ition there will enable him to expected to be the key dipbail out the Labour-affiliated lomatic challenge facing the Foreign Minister-designate, Kibbutzim and Histadrut Mr Moshe Arens, now that the Accordingly, the Labour US has opened a dialogue with

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Arafat promotes his peace plan in Yugoslavia



Mr Yassir Arafat, followed by President Dizdarevic of Yugo-slavia, inspecting a guard of honour after arriving in Bel-grade yesterday on a tour to promote an international Middle East peace conference.

Earlier, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization told Austrian television and radio that a Palestinian state could be established in the occupied territories within two years (Our Foreign Staff writes).

At a news conference in Vienna, he accused Israel of "torpedoing" the peace pro-cess by its latest decision to build eight new Jewish settlements in the territories.

Speaking at the end of a brief semi-official visit to Austria, Mr Arafat denounced Mr Yitzhak Shamir's new coalition Government as a "regime in paralysis".

Meanwhile, a second high-level meeting between Britain and the PLO is being planned amid concern that earlier assurances on terrorism may have been watered down by recent PLO statements. Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign

Unrest hits Jerusalem's tourist trade

To step inside the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City is to step back into history: a swirling throng of Arab merchants, Orthodox Jews in black garb and fur hats, and Armenian and Greek priests, with armed soldiers (Israeli rather than Roman these days), all amid a heady scent of spices, incense and the smell of bread carried in trays on the heads of Arah boys.

In normal times the narrow streets are thronged with tourists and pilgrims, especially in this Christmas season. But these are not normal times. Among other things, the Israeli troopers at the Gate are guarding an old stone house with a large blue and white Israeli flag on the roof. This is the home of Mr Ariel Sharon, the larger-than-life hardline Israeli general, war hero and politician who deliberately chose to make his home in the Arab quarter.

His defiant gesture is meant to demonstrate that the hard-won unification of Jerusalem in the war of 1967 remains unchallenged, and that there are no "no-go areas". On the other hand Mr Sharon gave a warning recently that because of the success of the Palestine Liberation Organization in courting world opinion, a de facto Palestinian state was being set up "before our very eyes" and "Jerusalem is already a divided city".

Despite the renunciation of terrorism by Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, PLO leaders insist that the Arab intifada, (uprising) will go on in the Occupied Territories and that it remains a Palestinian aim to claim East Jerusalem as capital of the new Palestine. This kind of extravagant rhetoric has hardened Israeli attitudes, with both Likud and Labour determined to crush the uprising.

With Christmas this year showing a marked drop in the number of seasonal visitors, some Israelis - not least hotel-keepers - are worried that one year after it began the intifada could spill over from the West Bank to Jerusalem itself, discouraging tourists even further. Other towns associated with the life of Christ have also been hit: Nazareth has cancelled celebrations this year because of "the situation in the territories," while Bethlehem, on the West Bank just ontside Jerusalem, is surrounded by road blocks and expects few visitors on Manager Square this Christmas. "Let's face it, people are afraid," was the comment of one official at the Ministry of Tourism.

But Mr Teddy Kollek, the veteran and much-respected Mayor of Jerusalem, believes such fears are greatly exaggerated, and that the city remains a model for Arab-Jewish relations.

Indeed, although West Bank towns salem remains largely peaceful. In the walled Old City, shops are often shut and padlocked during general strikes ordered by the shadowy intifada leadership. But the holy sites of Islam, Judaism and Christianity - including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built by the Emperor Constantine on

the presumed site of Christ's Crucifixion, burial and Resurrection remain respected and free of violence. There have been riots on the Haram al Sharif, or Temple Mount, where the

golden Dome of the Rock stands. But by and large the Jerusalem commu-nities still coexist as they have for centuries. Tourism officials, meanwhile, hope that Christmas will pass off peace-fully, that the Jeep-loads of paramili-

tary police, who patrol sensitive areas in East Jerusalem questioning or detaining Arabs, will not have to patrol West Jerusalem too, and that the stones that occasionally crash through car windows in Arab Jeruem will not one day be the "invisible line". "Jerusalem is not a divided city

again," one long-term resident said thankfully. "But everyone seems to know where one zone ends and another begins. You know automatically where to take care - and where not to go at all at certain times."

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Language threat to Quebec accord

Ottawa - An increasingly heated debate over Englishlanguage rights is threatening an already beleaguered plan to bring predominantly French-speaking Quebec province into-the Canadian constitutional fold (John Best writes).

Mr Gary Filmon, the Premier of Manitoba, stunned many observers on Monday when he announced in Winnipeg that he was withdrawing his Government's support for the plan, the Meech Lake accord, which requires ratification by all 10 Canadian provinces. He was reacting to the announcement on Sunday by Mr Robert Bourassa, Premier of Quebec, that his Government intended to bring in a new law banning the

use of English on outdoor commercial sites. French would have to be given prominence Even on signs inside shops.

The Bourassa statute, unveiled in the provincial legislature in Quebec City on Monday, was a response to last week's ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada invalidating sections of a 1977 Quebec language law, which prohibits all display of English signs, on the grounds that it violated guarantees of freedom of expression.

Thyssen art for Spain

Madrid — Baron Heinrich Von Thyssen signed a definitive agreement here yesterday with the Spanish Minister of Culture, Senor Jorge Semprun, confirming his April agreement to install his private art collection in Madrid for a minimum of 10 years (Harry Debeling private)

minimum of 10 years (Harry Debelius writes). The pact provides for the long-term loan to Spain of the 775 best works in the collection of about 2,000. Some 75 are to be hung in the Pedralbes Palace, in Barcelona, and the remaining 700 in the elegant 18th-century Villahermosa Palace, across the street from the Prado in Madrid.

Envoy bearing gifts

A second British diplomat has arrived in Tehran, bringing with him a turkey and other Christmas fare which be hopes to get permission to share with two British prisoners held in the Evin prison, Mr Roger Cooper and Mr Nicholas Nicola (Andrew McEwen writes). Mr Victor Welborn, who is to be consul and administrative officer, has joined the acting charge d'affaires, Mr Gordon Pirie, and his wife Maria, who recently reopened the embassy after more than 12 months.

Botha minister goes

Cape Town (Reuter) - President Botha of South Africa yesterday dismissed Mr Amichand Rajbansi, aged 46, his only non-white cabinet minister, after studying the findings of a six-month judicial inquiry into corruption and graft in the Indian House of Delegates which Mr Rajbansi had headed. He was also dismissed as head of the Indian "mini-cabinet" and as minister of housing for Indians, positions filled by Mr Kassi Ramduth, minister of Indian education.

Customs purge angers Poles

They call it the Bridge of Friendship - 300 yards of concrete road and railway linking Poland with Czechoslovakia at Tesin

Last week there was hitle sign of any friendship, however, as for the 50th time since November 15 Czechoslovak border guards strip-searched virtually every Pole leaving Czechoslovakia.

Trains are regularly more than six hours late crossing into Poland as Czechoslovak Customs officials move along Poles bought in Czechoslo-

The Czechoslovaks are only

doing their duty in accordance with the law brought in on November 15 which prohibits tourists from leaving Czechoslovakia with any of 366 listed items, ranging from citrus fruits to razor blades and children's footwear.

Although the law applies to all travellers, the Czechoslovak authorities make no secret of the fact that it is their Polish neighbours whose shopping they really want to

The East Germans have the carriages, removing every regularly besieged fruit and item they can find which the sweet shops before Christmas, but as the Czechoslovaks vakia. Motor traffic on the point out they usually buy Ambassador.

Friendship Bridge suffers the only as much as their family hold. The Czechoslovaks say that the Poles are completely different

"These people are merchants, not shoppers," said a Czechoslovak Customs guard at Tesin, pointing to a pile of more than 300 pairs of chil-dren's slippers taken from one Polish tourist that afternoon. Certainly many of the Poles buy such things in Czecho-slovakia to resell on Poland's flourishing black market.

But the measures have left Poles with a sense of outrage. Last week the Polish Government attacked the Czechoslovak measures openly, call-

Armenian rebuilding begins Correspondent

Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, who has spent the past two weeks directing the disaster relief operation in Armenia, returned to Moscow yesterday with other senior members of the Politburo Commission. including the Defence Minister, General Dmitry Yazov.

Responsibility for the commission's day-to-day work has been handed over to Mr Yuri Batalin, a Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for the first stage of the relief its distinctive character. Addi-

tion. Reports from Kirov- amid continuing criticism that akan, the city least damaged in the villages have been nethe earthquake, say rebuilding glected by the relief effort. work has already begun. Mr Batalin says that the new have now been evacuated, buildings will be reinforced against earthquakes.

On Monday, Mr Ryzhkov told people in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, that the anthorities would ensure that Armenian architectural tradition. Fears had been expressed that rapid reconconstruction, who is now in struction work and the influx dicates that Moscow regards southern republic would dilute

operation - the rescue of tional airlifts of manpower survivors and evacuation - as and supplies have been orcomplete and now intends to ganized for the rural areas concentrate on reconstruc- affected by the earthquake,

More than 70,000 people many to sanatoria in the Crimea and Georgia.

● Cowardice charge: A senior policeman in Leninakan has been suspended for cowardice during the rescue operation. all rebuilding conformed to Airbase offer: Turkey has offered to provide an airbase for use as a trans-shipment point for relief supplies for construction, who is now in struction work and the influx Armenia, according to Mr Armenia. The handover in- of labour from outside the Nikolai Volkov, the Soviet Civil Aviation Minister.

King of Caribbean paradises woos big spenders

From Charles Bremner Havana

Throughout the Caribbean, the play-ground of millions of tourists, the hoteliers and restaurateurs are growing just a little nervous: Cuba is pting a comeback.

After decades of communist disdain for capitalist pleasures, the old king of Caribbean paradises has set out to gain a piece of the highly lucrative tourist action.

But, 30 years after President Castro shut the casinos, chased out the Mafia and closed the place "for ever" to American vice, few tourist officials, from Puerto Rico to Barbades, believe that much of their trade is about to defect back to the Caribbean's largest island.

A crippling shortage of convertible carrency helped change Dr Castro's mind about tourism a couple of years 220. All those roubles and zloties from Hyushinloads of fraternal holiday-makers were worth little alongside the millions of dollars being carned by far smaller islands. But the Jefe Maximo faces quite a few hurdles in his path, the first of which is the American "blockade". US citizens, who dominate the Caribbean trade, are still barred by

US law from coming here without

Another is that Cuba hadly needs to revive some long-tost skills. Despite the stanning beauty and limpid waters that have enchanted visitors since Christopher Columbus anchored here and thought be had reached Asia, it will take time to undo the Leminist approach to food, service and plumbing.
"We have lost the tradition of

tourism," Senor Rafael Sed, the young high-flyer who heads the drive for tourists, lamented recently. Take, for example, the Nacional, a once sumptnous hotel, perched on

the Havana seafront. It is a place where staff still display a healthy socialist disdain for bourgeois needs. Winning the attention of a lift operator requires shouting "abajo" (20ing down) through a grating as the lift hurtles past your floor. Gaining entry to one of the Sovietstyle restaurants is only half the battle. The other is finding a waiter not too busy talking or, in some cases, eating the food he is to serve. It is all too familiar to any veteran of the Soviet school of hotel-keeping, but harder to take in the birthpl of the daigniri cocktail, an island described in the 1938 Guide Bleu as "this land of gorgeous adventure and the limber elbow". "Do you want to

say ballo to your friends and family?" asks a friendly notice in your room. "It is very easy. Communicate with the operator and in minutes, perhaps seconds, you will be talking with whom you wish." Reality is otherwise. Even a local call can require an hour's wait. The story is different at the Havana Libre, built just before the revolution as the Hilton and, like

much of Havana, an untouched Tourism in Cuba was one of prostitution and

drugs. That's over

museum piece of 1950s design. There the phones work but you can wait 25 minutes for a lift to arrive. But officials say that under a \$400 million (£220 million) investment programme, including joint ventures with Spanish companies, this will change — for foreigners at least.

Just as in the Soviet Union, police turn away citizens without approved business from the hard-currency shops, hotels and watering holes like the Tropicana nightchih, the one-time Folies Bergere of the Western hemicalana hemisphere. Naughtiness there goes no further than the limited nakedness you find on a Black Sea beach.

While Dr Castro has decreed that Caba should be fun again, he insists there will be no return to the old days. "Under capitalism, it was an easy thing to set up a whorehouse," he recalled at a recent rally in Varadero, the coastal area now being equipped with a battery of new hotels and an airport for holiday jets. "Tourism here was one of prostitution. That's over new. A tourism of gambling. A tourism of drugs." By 1959, Havana had turned into

an offshore haven of revelry. Arthur Schlesinger, the American writer, later recalled how "my fellow countrymen recled through the streets, picking up 14-year-old Cuban girls and tossing coins to make men scramble in the gutter".

Dr Castro has also been telling the people that, for the sake of the economy, they must accept being barred from foreigners-only reserts. Some of you may say it is a pity that you cannot go to the hotels, but we

cannot have everything."

Even loyal inhabitants find that hard to take. "A lot of people don't like the idea of being second-class citizens," said an engineer, aged 33, who supports the President.

Keeping the people free from ideo-logical contamination is another unspoken function of dollar segregaand rathlessly suppresses political dissent. Diplomats are speculating about the impact if Westerners do turn up in the planned numbers and the "Yanquis" come back, as they must if Cuba is to reach its goal of two million tourists a year by the year 2000. At present the hardcurrency tourists — 190,00 this year — come almost entirely from Canada, Germany, Spain and, to a much lesser extent, Britain and other European countries.

The self-contained resort complexes are not hard to isolate. But the Cubans also want the higher-spending foreigners to pass time in town, visiting sites like the splen-didly-restored district of Old Havana, where you can wander cobbled streets, listen to steel bands in sunlit courtyards and try baunts like the Bodegita del Medio cufe.

For those in search of the slightly bizarre, there is the display of Granma, the hallowed motor cruiser in which Fidel and his courrades landed to launch their revolution and which gave its unlikely English name to Cuba's version of Pravda.

The absence of American accents there is not so much as a Coca-Cola sign - is also, of course, a feature that local officials are quick to suggest as a plus for European tourists.

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While it's true that most people wouldn't consider Christmas a Jewish holiday, without Jews there would be no Christmas.

Some think that Jews aren't the "Christmas kind of people" but in the beginning, that wasn't true. Everything about Jesus (including his Hebrew name, Y'shua) was as Jewish as the Holy Scriptures. In fact, it was the Jewish Scriptures that God gave for all people which foretold the coming of the Messiah.

Did you ever think about where Y'shua was born? He wasn't born in Buckingham Palace or even in St. Mary's Paddington! He was born in the sheep rearing capital of Israel called Bethlehem Ephrathah, also known as the City of David.

Actually, David's house might have been standing there if it hadn't crumbled before Joseph and Mary arrived. Anyway, they did come to Bethlehem just in time for the census, and not a moment too soon for the birth of "their" baby, that the words of the prophet Micah might be fulfilled:



But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from days of eternity. (Micah 5:2)

Of course, not everyone involved in the Christmas story was Jewish. Take the angel who announced the coming of the Messiah. Everyone knows that all angels are inter-denominational and non-sectarian! That angel told Joseph:

She (that's Mary) will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Y'SHUA, because he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)

Even though the angel wasn't Jewish, the message about saving people from sin was. Maybe some people think that words like "sin" and "saved" are taken from some Gentile religion. They're wrong. The whole idea of sin and salvation is from the Jewish Bible. It was because Joseph believed the Jewish Scriptures that he was expecting a Messiah, a Saviour and Deliverer who would come from the house of David.

Joseph belonged to that family, but he probably never dared to hope that it would be a close relative. (A tenth cousin, twelve times removed would have been enough.) Yet he knew the promise was to his family because it was written 700 years earlier by the prophet Isaiah:



Then Isaiah said, Hear now, you house of David!...Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:13,14)

Joseph was relieved by Isaiah's words because his betrothed, Mary, was pregnant and he knew he had no part in her condition. Mary was still a virgin, yet she was carrying a son. This was just the beginning of the specialness of that child presumed to be Joseph's.

Joseph found assurance in another Jewish prophet's words as well. While he never read the New Testament (it hadn't yet been written), he knew that there would be a new testament because of what the Jewish prophet Jeremiah wrote:

The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

This New Covenant (that's the Jewish way to say New Testament) was to be, above all things, a fresh start. Joseph had a forward looking faith that saw a future with no more war, no more hate, no more hunger and no more pollution of the human soul (that's another way to say sin). In fact, no more anything bad.

From this New Covenant there would be only good, only harmony and only love. This was all to begin happening through Mary's son who would be both Jewish King and Saviour- and if you don't want a Jewish saviour-sorry, he's the only kind of saviour available. However, that should be okay since he's for anybody and everybody as Isaiah also said:

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. (Isaiah 9:6,7)

Certainly today's world is not just and righteous. The reason why we have war, poverty and even parking meters is because our ancestors really messed up this whole planet. Everything got polluted - plants, animal life, the water supply. All were contaminated with a sickness worse than cancer or AIDS. This contamination is more deadly than exposure to radiation or gulping down toxic wastes. It's called sin. Not only does it kill, but it immediately distorts everyone's senses so that we find it hard to see or hear God. It seems to give off a sweet perfume which hides its true throat-gagging stench. Sin produces eyes that don't see, ears that don't hear, and hearts that don't love.

And the one they don't see, hear or love is God! All this is the bad news. But it doesn't have to be that way. There is good news: Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, is the Wonderful Counsellor (and when we say that, we don't mean that he just gives good advice)! He is the Saviour of anybody and everybody! And Christmas is a holiday to be celebrated by everybody and anybody who wants what



So you see, without Jews, there wouldn't be any Christmas, and without Jews there would not be any Messiah - Handel's or otherwise. Instead, we might be singing songs to Zeus. Have you heard any Zeusmas carols lately, like maybe "O Little Town of Mount Olympus?"

Today, Jesus is as much for Jews as he ever was! But he is also the nonsectarian, inter-denominational saviour of anyone who needs salvation. Please don't assume that you're exempt from that need just because you're so clever, good looking and/or religious.

If you think you're not lost, you're more lost than you realize. Lost is what you are and lost is what you will remain unless you find out where you're going. That is something you can't know without God. He stands above the horizon beckoning you and directing you in the way you should go. So if you can't see him, it's not God who's lost. You haven't lost him, you've lost yourself.

Pretty well everyone has strayed away from the kind of place where they ought to be. Like Isaiah said:

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

We wouldn't even bring up the subject of sin, except there is a solution to the problem, an antidote to the poison and an answer to the destruction caused by sin. Y'SHUA is his name.

Even today, some Jews are looking to Y'SHUA as the one who can save. If you don't believe it is possible for Jews to believe in Jesus, you need to have your eyes opened to a little known, but nonetheless theologically important fact: God gave the Jewish people to the world that the Messiah of Israel might become everybody's saviour.

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Massive

clean-up

bill for

San Mateo (Reuter) - A court has ruled that the Shell Oil Company, not its insurers, will have to pay \$1.8 billion (nearly £1 billion) for cleaning op a pesticide plant site in

The jury in the San Mateo County Court, California, voted 11-1 that Shell's in-

surance coverage did not ex-

tend to the cost of the clean-

up. The action by the Justice

In 1983, the US Govern-

ment ordered Shell to clean up

the site, nn an army range in the Rocky Mountains, and the

firm tried to claim the cost of

the work from its insurers.

The insurance companies argued that they should not have

to pay because Shell expected

or intended the damage

caused by the disposal of toxic

Singapore (Renter) — A court fined Francis Seow, the Singa-

pore opposition leader and

former Solicitor-General.

£4,500 in absentia for evading

Cairo (Reuter) - Egyptian police shot dead three Muslim

militants, including Sharif Mohammed Ahmed Sharif,

accused of the killing of a

policemen earlier this month,

in a raid on a Cairo flat, the

Middle East News Agency

Peking (Reuter) - Hoaxers are

cashing in on China's tra-ditional market for boy babies

by attaching false male geni-

tals to girls and selling them to

gullible peasants, the New

China News Agency said.

Safe to travel

Jakarta (Reuter) - Indooesia,

which has been battling a

sporadie rebellion in East

Timor for 12 years, said that

travel restrictions to the for-

mer Portuguese colony would be lifted oo January 1 because

the province has been de-

Sex change

reported.

Three killed

wastes. Shell is to appeal.

Fined again

Department against Shell was the largest polluooo damage

Colorado.

suit ever filed.

Jubilant Premadasa vows to end spiral of political violence

Lanka, vowed last night that soon. You have another he would bring to an end the chance to participate in violence that has crippled this democracy." He praised what once prosperous nation.

Speaking at Colombo town hall immediately after the the bullet of terror". declaration of the final result of the election held on Monday, a cool but clearly elated place in the temple of democdanger and this must stop. This violence must be bought.

Although he did not mention the underground Sinhal-ese extremist People's Liberatioo Front (JVP) by name, he made it clear a solution to its insurgency could come only through negotiation. "I am always available for arriving at a practical solution," he said. He said be would oot take over from President Jayewardene until January 2.

Mr Premadasa appealed to the Liberation Front, which appears determined to overthrow any future government and has recently assassinated bundreds of his supporters, to enter the political mainstream and to take part in the parliamentary elections plan-

ned for February 15. "To those who tried to

Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, disrupt the polls," he said in circumstances, including the the President-elect of Sri Sinhala, "make up your minds killing of two election of he described as the victory of

chaotic town hall ceremony was the Prime Minister's main Mr Premadasa, aged 64, said: rival, Mrs Sirima Bandara-The politics of terror have no naike, leader of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, who was said racy. People have had to face to be meeting the election observer group sent by the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation. She was quoted as telling them:

> According to the Elections Commissioner, Mr Chandran-anda de Silva, 55.3 per cent nf 83 per cent turnouts.

"It has been the most

Man in the News

Colombo - The new President-elect of Sri Lanka is a diminutive worksholic who never does anything without first consulting his astrologer (Edward Gorman writes). It is a method which has appar-His handling of the Tamil ently served him well over the years and, he believes, ac-

against formidable odds. In a nation dominated by an ancient and divisive caste system, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, aged 64, has achieved what many of his constrymen thought impossible. He was born into the lowest Hinaya or

washerman's caste. Through sheer hard work which allows him only four hours' sleep a night — he has broken the mould, becoming the leader of the United National Party traditionally dominated by the elite Gorigama caste, and now Sri Lanka's second executive

Mr Premadasa comes from a working-class Colombo family of the majority Sinhalese Buddhist community. He began political life in the union movement and traded popular backing within the urban working classes for positions of ever-greater importance in the UNP. He became Prime Minister when the outgoing head of state. Mr Junius Jayewardene, created the modern presidency in 1978. Mr the "ballot of the people over Conspicuously absent at the naike, leader of the Sri Lanka

"The election is unjust. I cannot accept the verdict."

Amid speculation that she may challenge the result in the courts, Mrs Bandaranaike was also reported as accusing the Government of intimidating her supporters and fostering violence in an attempt to stop them voting.

Sri Lankans voted, making it the lowest turnout in the country's independent history. Previous presidential and general elections averaged

difficult election we have ever conducted because of various

Victory against the odds

Premadasa has a gruelling work schedule which begins daily at 4.30 am. He has a reputation for being an achiever and a stickler for detail who can terrify his staff into getting

separatist insurgency in the north and east and the revolt counts for his meteoric rise in the south by the under-ground Sinhalese extremists, the JVP, will determine his success or failure as President during the next six years. He has so far given little away on how he intends to deal with the problems, but those who know



Mr Premadasa signalling his win in Colombo yesterday. he was closely associated.

can to exhaust dialogue before resorting to the use of arms. In his campaign speeches he con-spicuously failed to blame the JVP explicitly for violence in

ficials," Mr de Silva said.

Liberation Front.

ional Party candidate.

spread backing.

Other factors likely to have

contributed to her defeat were

her claim towards the end of

the campaign last week that there would be a Philippines-

style popular insurrection if she lost. She is also thought

oot to have gained from

disclosures that ber son,

Anura, held discussions re-

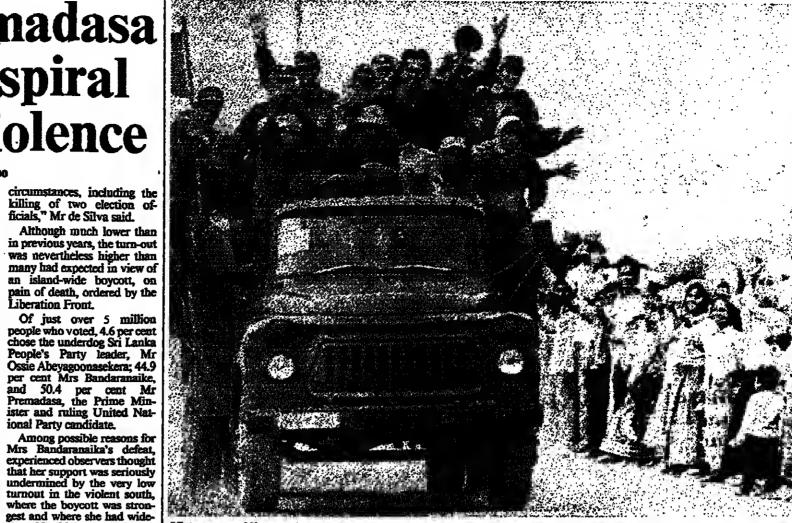
cently with leaders of the

The new President is expected quickly to rid himself of Mr Jayewardene's cronies, many of whom have become tainted with charges of corruption over the years. His Government is expected to place particular emphasis oo combatting poverty, rejuvenating the economy, and continuing o house building programme that has become a personal crusade for Mr Premadasa.

But for all his qualities, Mr Premadasa, facing a luge task ahead, will also bring to the job weaknesses which could trouble him in the coming

He has had very limited experience in foreign policy, ing how he will handle Delhi on the Tamil question. While most observers believe his humble origins will work largely in his favour, some say he may be hampered by gering reseatment and suspicion among the old elite. Undoubtedly, Mr Premadasa will have to overcome widespread disgust of President Jayewardene's increasingly unpopular regime, with which

Hanoi troops are welcomed home



Vietnamese soldiers waving to villagers in Sa Mat yesterday as they crossed the Vietnamese-Cambodian border. They were part of a week-long operation by Vietnam to withdraw 18,000 troops, including artillery and armoured units, from western Cambodia. It is the biggest reduction in Hanoi's forces in Cambodia during 10 years of helping to fight the Khmer Rouge.

Capitalist spirit pumps life back into old Saigon and provinces

From Humphrey Hawksley, Ho Chi Minh City

The Vietnamese Government has ordered the screening of rural party members in the South after one of the most serious protests against corrupt officials since the takeover of Ho Chi Minh City in 1975.

Several hundred farmers from the fertile Mekong Delta lodged their complaints with senior party members in the capital earlier this mooth. They told bow communist cadres had been taking over land given to peasants when the Communist Government came to power.

The protest prompted such alarm that Mr Nguyen Van Linh, the Communist Party Secretary-General, held a meeting with provincial leaders. As a result, dozens of village officials have been expelled from the party and the land has been returned to the peasants.

The same reforming policies are also changing the face of Ho Chi Minh City, which mooth by mooth is being re-shaped by the influence of its wealthy, capitalist South-East Asian neighbours. With a flavour of Joseph Conrad,

tramp steamers sail up the Saigoo River, many with smuggled goods from Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The restaurants and shops sell Heineken beer, State Express cigarettes, Sony she was caught trying to flee the country stereos and Wilsoo tennis rackets. The in 1986, she is oo longer entitled to a

From Catherine Sampson

Thousands of corrupt Chioese

officials who are lining their

pockets through their involve-

ment in foreign trade deals are getting their comeuppance, according to yesterday's front-

More than 1,000 bureau-

crats face criminal prosecu-

page of the People's Daily.

authorities turn a blind eye. Hotels with tatty sixties decor are being renovated and now offer night clubs and French food. Small, back-street bars, which kept their doors barely ajar to survive the revolution, are now wide open, playing rock music and switching on Christmas tree lights.

The boulevards are as busy as Regent Street. The markets are packed. Their economy is the black market and, ironically, some of the main instigators are the ethnic Chinese wbom 10 years ago the Vietnamese Government was rounding up and towing out to sea in broken down boats because they were considered a threat to the security of oewly-unified Vietnam.

The boat people are oow sending back money so that their relatives who stayed behind can afford to ride along with Ho Chi Minh City's consumer boom.

But in Cholon, the city's Chinatown, memories of the confiscation of businesses in 1978 and the expulsions of the Chinese are still sharp: "I want to leave," said one woman, aged 46. "I have always wanted to leave." Her family runs a restaurant, which is oow governmentcootrolled. The woman says that because

Peking cracks down on trade corruption

tion. Another 6,000 have holes. There are certainly want to do business in China benefit from it, you're oot

already been punished. Fifty- corrupt officials involved in they have to be unethical. But going to stop it."

of £6.50 a month, a meaningless figure given the complexities of the black

West, it is unlikely that there will be another campaign against the Chinese. Instead, officials are bracing themselves for the side-effects of the ecocomic reforms — the re-emerging face of nld Saigon. The cases are lively, but child beggars are on the streets. A pretty girl window-shops oo the arm of a Czech expatriate who a generation earlier would have been American. Money changers with wads of notes cheat

cootrol the birth rate." These policies would, of course, be implemented through the Communist Party, and whatever capitalist heart appears to be beating in Ho Chi Minh City, the party will always have the final say. Its stamp is everywhere. A South Vietnamese fighter pilot is oow a pedicab

salary. Her daughter earns the eqivalent

Judging by Vietnam's eagerness to normalize relations with China and the foreigners oo street corners.

"It's very sad," said Mr Vu Tuat Viet. "When we were fighting for indepen-dence we could not imagine what would happen, But oow we must improve the cultural life, educate the young and

driver; an army officer's widow, a beggar,

the corruption which flour-

ever happen. One young man

said: "A lot complain about

backdoor deals, but it's the

Power cut

clared safe.

Maputo (AFP) - Saboteurs knocked out the power supply from South Africa to Maputo, the Mozambique capital, the State Electricity Company

Empty jumbo

Delhi (AP) — An Air India Boeing 747 flew to Loodoo without a single passenger oo board after a six-hour delay prompted ticket holders to switch to another flight, an airline spokesman said.

Nauru plea

Melbourne (Reuter) - The tiny island natioo of Nauru, its landscape ruined by 70 years of mining phosphate to fertilize the farms of Australia, New Zealand and Britain formally demanded repara-tions of \$61 million (£33.5 millioo) from the three

nations Bill approved

Sydney - The Australian Parliament approved a con-troversial war-crimes Bill, paving the way for the prosecution of up to 400 Nazis now bying in the country.

Bomb found

Johannesburg — Officers of the South African security forces detonated a time-bomb in central Johannesburg after it had been discovered in a hair-dressing salon a few yards from City Hall.

Cashing in

New York (Reuter) - "Happy Birthday to You", one of the most popular songs in English, which brings in an estimated \$1 million (£550,000) a year in royalties, will become the property of Warner Communications after the company acquires Birchtree, the current owner of the copyright, in a \$25 million deal.

Unloading of poisons ship starts

From Our Own Correspondent

A special squad of Italian workers, dressed like spacemen and protected by police, yesterday unloaded the un-fortunate Karin B, the poison ship that shuffled around the world this summer in search of a home.

The vessel arrived at Livorno in northern Italy during September after Nigeria (the original destination), Britain, France, Spain and West Germany refused to accept the 14,000-tonne cargo of poison-ous Italian chemicals and sludge. Livorno tried its best to resist taking the load but eventually bowed to pressure

The port workers, backed by their Communist trade union, have been refusing to handle the cargo of 167 containers. which had been packed in discriminately by the Nigerians when they found the rotting mountain of poisons at the port of Koko.

There are only five main waste-disposal waste units in Italy, and even working at full capacity they are no match for the buge volume of waste produced by the country's chemical industry. It is also much cheaper to export the waste to the Third World.

But unscupulous middlemen, say Green Party members, have been landing huge quantities of unstable and toxic chemicals on unsuspecting countries. The load on the Karin B is not the only such hazard. An even more dangerous cargo, on the Deep Sea Carrier, is still seeking an Italian port which is prepared to unload its poisons.

Japan scandal toll rises

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Mr Hiroshi Matsubara, a for-mer executive of Recruit Cos-of Tokyo's public prosecutors, routine political donation dismer executive of Recruit Cosmos, the property company at the centre of Japan's widening stock-market scandal, yes-terday pleaded guilty in a Tokyo court to charges of trying to bribe Mr Yanosuke Narazaki, an opposition MP, to pull his punches during parliamentary debates on the

The case, marking the first time that criminal blame has been attributed to the Recruit company since the scandal blew up last summer, has quickened the pace of the drama and brought home the extent of the influence-peddling that oils business and political life in Japan.

Yesterday's breakthrough

who suspect that the impact of solved when Mr Narazaki the Recruit affair, which has arranged for a television netalready claimed the careers of some of Japan's most re- attempts. The film was shown spected politicians and businessmen, could prove more explosive and more damaging to Japan's reputation abroad than the Lockheed bribery

case of 1976. Senior political figures are also sleeping less easily after hearing that Mr Yusuke Yoshinaga is to be Tokyo's next chief public prosecutor.

He played a wital solution of the p He played a vital role in unravelling the Lockheed scandal, which ended with the arrest of Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the then Prime Minister.

work secretly to film one of his

on the main evening news. The court is oot expected to pass sentence until spring. The casualty toll in the scandal is growing fast. In less

than a fortnight it has felled Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Fi-nance Minister and Deputy phone, the world's biggest company.

The calibre of these two men jolted many Japanese into looking at the Recruit Mr Matsubara's initial ef- affair through new eyes.

Vanuatu crisis deepens

six of those involved were international trade who politi- corruption involving foreign

described by the paper as cally and economically exert a contracts and foreign busioess "high-ranking". In one case, very bad influence".

factory spent 800,000 yuan of Supervision, which started ishes at every level of society. (£130,000) oo 14 foreign trips in June, 1987, has covered While the Government

(£130,000) oo 14 foreign trips in June, 1987, has covered to research one business deal.

The vast majority of foreign and looked at foreign trade people are doubtful that will

contracts involving \$US150

Western businessmen in Pe-

billion (£82 billioo).

The inquiry by the Ministry

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

The constitutional crisis in the for "gross misconduct". At the opposition claims it could South Pacific republic of same time, a chastened Mr mobilize 2,000 med against Vanuatu deepened last night Sope, along with four min-with the President facing im-isters, faced charges of seminent arrest accused of at- dition and making unlawful tempted treason and inciting oaths that could see them

71 workers at an aluminium

trade cootracts are sound,

according to the paper, but "in

foreign trade there are some

major weak links and loop-

rebel politician, Mr Barak Sope, as Prime Minister on Sunday - has already been reprimanded by the Vanuatu Supreme Court for acting illegally and unconstitutionally. Last night the President, protected by some of Mr Sope's heavily armed supporters, awaited arrest after a special session of Parliament had decided to call an electoral college meeting to sack him

imprisoned for five years. Mr Sope, who has close President Sokomanu - who dissolved Parliament last Fri-

links with Libya - where day and then appointed the many of his men have undergone military training - was arrested at gunpoint on Sunday only bours after being sworn in by the President, who is his uncle. Looking subdued, he claimed he was denied any legal representa-tion by the elected Government of his arch-rival, the Prime Minister, Father Walter

Vanuatu's security forces, who have so far remained loyal to Father Lini. The nnly opposition leader oot under arrest, Mr Maxime Carlot, who had

king complain that if they only way to get by. And if you

There are still real fears of a

been sworn in as Mr Sope's deputy yesterday, surrendered to police, saying that he feared a bloody confrontatinn. Last night, Father Lini seemed to be in control again.

But Vanuatu remained tense with a dusk-to-dawn curfew in force, and the crisis has led to mass cancellations by tourists - plunging the already shaky economy of Vanuatu into dire trouble. Shopkeepers boarded up their premises because nf fears of clashes between rival violent backlash and the political groups.

Gang rape spotlights a worrying trend in Italian crime

From Roger Boyes Rome

Maria Carla Cammarata died, the doctors said, of pulmonary infection. But most Italians, most Romans, and even the Vatican, which is professionally cautious in matters of life and death, know that is

only half the story.

In truth, Maria Cammarata, aged 31, died three times. The first was on a cold March night this year when she was walking back from a party through that most elegant of Roman squares, Piazza Navona. Three youths stopped her, then

raped her. When a police patrol arrived, she was lying in a small pool of blood, one of the youths was still on top of her, and the others had their trousers down. "What! You get arrested for this kind of thing?"

said one as he was led away. Some months later, the men were put on trial. This was to be the

second death of Maria Carla Cammarata. The proceedings followed the pattern of many such rape trials: that is, defeace counsel, to demonstrate the relative inno-cence of his clients, tried to show the relative guilt of the victim.

Signora Cammarata took drugs, he said, had a drink problem, and had three children from different relationships. "Does anybody really believe," said one of the defenders, "that the accused were bowled over by this Madouna? Struck down by her radiant beauty?"

Signora Cammarata, her perpetnally shaking hands slightly nico-tine-stained, her complexion sallow, was not a beauty. But was that ot issue? "I would rather have been raped another six times than 20 through the trial," she said later.

from eight months to four years, and Maria Carla became the

relactant heroine of the nascent

The youths received sentences

Women's Movement in Italy and shoplifting and hooliganism: more sourced them to establish a rape

The youths were from the Roman suburbs, the prematurely old housing estates that barrack the new Roman proletariat. Here, in the windy stairwells of Primaverra, criminals are made early.

To Romans, the Cammarata rape case said something about Italy. Rapes used to be a rarity: they were not, in the popular understanding, an "Italian crime". It was always safe to walk in the historic centre of Rome, but now the suburban violence had invaded the finest piazza of all with its sprinkling Bernini fountains.

The latest crime survey by the Institute for Political, Economic and Social Studies showed that young Italians, 45 per cent of them under the age of 16, were being sucked into serious crime.

And it was no longer a matter of

and more teenagers were committing "crimes against the per-son", which includes robbery with violence but not rape, still classed as a "crime against morals".

The press calls this new breed of criminal "baby-killers". Most offences are drug-related — mugging to raise money for a fix. In Rome. the number of teenagers in jail for drug or drug-motivated crimes has trebled in three years.

Rape falls into a slightly different, perhaps more disturbing, category. Few of the new wave of rapists are on drugs, though most have been drinking. There appears to be a preference for gang rape, in which a coalition of silence is formed at Silence in the silence in the silence is formed. formed. If Signora Cammarata's rapists had not been discovered in flagrante she would never have

The climate of conspiracy is particularly evident in Sicily and

reached the courtroom.

testify against each other, least of all on behalf of a woman. A woman aged 21 in the Sicilian township of Mazzarino was invited to neighbours for a party and in the course of a long evening was raped by 15 teenagers, many under 16.

The trial, by Sicilian standards, was remarkably open and fair, the sentences harsh. But since the trial the woman has been bounded, threatened with death, mocked in the streets, and accessed of destroying the lives of 15 Sicilian boys. She took shelter in a Palermo convent, and remains there to this day.

Criminologists at first calculated that the increase in reported rapes was actually a positive trend: it showed that Italian women were no longer afraid to stand up for their

Bet, according to Signora Giuliana Dal Pozzo, founder of a rape telephone hottine, cases of

rape are also increasing in real terms. Feminists want Parliament to end the legal protection that shields rapists: rape should be fully acknowledged as a violent crime against the person. And it should be easier to bring a bushand or

lover to court in the event of a rape. As for Maria Carla, her third. clinical death came a few weeks ago. The Court of Appeal decided that the three rapists, though guilty, were "not socially harmful" and that prison would not serve any further purpose. Their sentence was reduced to the minimum and they were freed.

Four days later Maria Carla Cammarata, who had been in a depression for months, died. The obituaries were tinged with a sadness for Italy, as well as the woman. Perhaps, said the Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, "this death was not solely the result



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PARLIAMENT

House welcomes decision on Vickers tank

There was a widespread welcome from all parts of the House for the Ministry of Defence's decision to give Vickers the opportunity to prove that its Challenger 2 Mark 2 tank meets the Army's requirement for a battle tank to replace the Chieftain.

In a statement to the Commons, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said that the Ministry would fund a demonstration phase of the Challenger 2 Mark 2 tank by Vickers Defence Systems until the end of September 1990.

That gave Vickers an excellent opportunity to prove its ability to develop a successful tank. Within that time the company would be required to show that the tank could meet the staff requirement; could be successfully developed and pro-duced to the required standard to meet the in-service date; and meet the price the company had already set.

Precise criteria for performance and technical achievement had been established against which the success of the demonstration phase would be measured. An important part would be to show that an improved ammunition round for the tank's main gun would be successfully developed to the standard and within the time-

Intermediate milestones had been established within the demonstration phase at which him that the Government the company would have to requirements would be met.

an opportunity in the new year for the House to vote oo the freezing of child benefit, Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social

security, said in the Commons.

indifference the proposed in-

creases in benefits for the elderly and the disabled.

Earlier, Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Social

Mrs Thatcher said during Prime Minister's questions that in the

lifetime of the Government,

gone up from £17 billion a year to £50 billion. That was a remarkable record. The Govern-

ment had tried to target help on

those who needed it most. She hoped that there would be as much support as possible for the proposed increases.

Security, had chided Labour MPs over their reported inten-

tion to vote against rises in pensions and benefits for the

pensions and beneats for the disabled to show their anger at the freezing of child benefits. This had been described as an own goal and shooting them-

Mr Scott was moving two social security orders to re-rate

national insurance contribu-tions for the lower paid and their employers and to uprate

He said that Labour tended to

be obsessed only with the level of the basic state pension, but

any pensioner would agree that the issue was much wider than

that. The Government had honoured its pledge to protect pensioners from inflation rather than following Labour's path of gand promises which resulted in cruelly dashed hopes when these could not be fulfilled.

Under the Conservatives there had been a steady growth

in pensinners' living standards.

The Government was encouraging further the spread of occupa-

Promotion

for MP

Stephen Dorrell, the MP for

Tonight it would treat with

DEFENCE

demonstrate satisfactory progress. "This staged approach will enable us to keep nur options open for the future, if this proves necessary."

Earlier in the statement, Mr Younger said that, in the absence of a suitable international collaborative tank project, the Chieftain tank must be replaced as soon as practicable by a British tank or nne developed by an ally. The armament of Chailenger 1 tanks was to be upgraded by fitting an improved gun, known as Charm.

Three options had been considered: an improved ver-sion of the Leopard 2, made by sion of the Leopard 2, made by Kraus Maffei, of Germany; an improved version of the Abrams M1, made by General Dynamics, of the US; and the Challenger 2 Mark 2. The three were not at the same stage of development, but all had the potential to meet the Army's requirement.

The size of the investment made it essential to conform to sound procurement practice and minimize risk. Vickers Defence Systems, therefore, was being given an opportunity to dem-onstrate that it could deliver the Challenger 2 Mark 2 to specification, to time and to

Mr Martin O'Neill, Oppo-sitinn spokesman on defence, welcomed the announcement. A recent visit to the Vickers factory in Leeds had convinced him that the Government's

SOCIAL SECURITY

tional pension funds and personal pensions. In the first

seven years of this Government,

pensioner incomes rose twice as quickly as those of the working population as a whole, by 23 per cent compared with 3 per cent

The Government had decided

this year, as it had last year, not to uprate child benefit. That was

Security would reach a different

Child benefit would continue

He accepted that if benefits

were to be universal then takeup must be maximized. If they were to be better focused and

targeted oo those who needed help, there would be problems

"My own judgement about this is that if you are running a

successful social security system, you should have a ju-

dicious mixture of universal and targeted benefits and that must

be for the Secretary of State to weigh in the balance at each

Child benefit, although not uprated this year, remained a very important means of support for families, comprising a tenth of social security expenditure at £4.5 billion a year.

Mr Cook said that under the

last Labour Government the pension went up by 20 per cent in real terms over six years. In the nine years that this Govern-

nver take-up.

to be paid, as now, to the mother, and a decision would be taken annually whether or not to oprate it and whether or not to uprate it in full or in part.

Opposition pledge

on child benefit

Would Mr Younger confirm that this procedure should not be construed as grudging or conditional approval, but would have had to be adopted which-ever tank had been chosen?

"We are delighted that our faith in British technology and the workforce at many plants throughour the UK has been vindicated by this welcome announcement."

Mr Younger: This is in no sense a grudging acceptance. Indeed, the Challenger 2 Mark 2, if it meets the specifications which the company is confident it will meet, will be an excellent

Mr Michael Heseltine (Henley, C), a former Secretary of State for Defence, said that the decision would maintain the defence capability of this important weapon system and enable Britain to play a continuing role in the next generation of tank production.

Mr Younger's procurement system had imposed a rigorous competitive discipline on such contracts, not the least benefit of which was that the MoD could claim that Britain was the second largest exporter of de-fence equipment in the world.

Mr Younger expressed grati-tude for Mr Heseltine's work on bringing in the competition system, which was doing so much good for the British defence industry.

Mr Menzies Campbell, Democrat spokesman on defence, welcoming the decision, said that Mr Younger had effectively put Vickers nn probation. Now

Re-shaping community care could not be long delayed, Mr David Mellor, Minister for Health, told MPs who expressed

concern at some patients having to leave mental hospitals for a

"I accept that in closing these large institutions, it cannot be to consign patients to the wind. There has to be adequate pro-

This provision was being built

up. There are a lot of marvel-lnus projects. We want more of them. Between us we should be

not a freeze for all time. It might be that next year or the year after the Secretary of State for Social the make that possible."

them. Between us we should be able to find the resources to make that possible."

to batter local authority finances round the head so that they did not have the money to make the

The police should be the total decision-makers on the issue of shotgun licences, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition,

Loud Conservative laughter and in-

terruptions greeted his observation and he added, emphatically, "Oh Yes".

Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) had said that it was unacceptable to public opinion that a

it was unacceptable to public opinioo that a convicted criminal and a known associate in criminals should have his shotgun licence given back to him by judicial authorities [On Monday, the High Court ruled that a man with convictions for assault and a prison record could have his shotgun certificate back].

"Bearing in mind the tragic events in

Coventry yesterday—and I pay full tribute to the bravery of the police officers involved—it is essential that controls on shotguns should be far tighter than in the pending legislation."

Mrs Thatcher: The decision of the court was taken under the Firearms Act, 1968,

His remark came after Mr David

said during Prime Minister's questions.

place in the community.

visioo in the community.



A happy Sir David Plastow, chairman of Vickers, with a model of the Challenger 2 Mark 2 tank yesterday

it was up to Vickers to justify the support that it had received from all sides of the House by producing the tank on time and up to specification so that it would meet the Army's demands.

Mr Younger said he would not use the phrase "nn proba-tion". He added: We are giving Vickers the opportunity to prove that this tank is as good as it is sure it is.

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) sought a categorical assurance that oo-body in the MnD or the Army would be allowed to interfere with Vickers while the firm was carrying out the project, by making proposals for amendments to specifications, for in-stance. The results of continuing

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mental hospitals without the

necessary service developments

in the local authority area to

The whole emphasis had been

on the shift of responsibility from the National Health Ser-vice to the local authorities, but

that strategy had been cruelly undermined.

The Government continued

Miss Dawn Primarolo (Brisnecessary provision.

The tragedy was affecting could they when in New York it were being transferred from hundreds of thousands of peohad produced 30,000 former by almost two thirds.

Police should be only ones to decide

on shotgun licences, says Kinnock

Mrs Thatcher: We clearly all wish to thank the police for their bravery and courage in the face of great danger.

Mr Reger Gale (Thanet North, C) had

asked the Prime Minister to discuss with the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, the need for legislation to prohibit entirely the issue of firearms licences to convicted criminals.

Act fully into operation. The police are able to refuse a licence if the applicant has no reason to have a shotgun They have also to be satisfied that there is no threat to public

High-powered, self-loading rifles; burst-

fire weapons and repeating, short-barrelled, smooth-bore guns will be raised to the category of prohibited weapons from

February 1 under the Firearms (Amendment) Act, 1988, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said in written answer.

This was noe of a number of provisions

of the Act to come into effect on that day.

support them.

seen in the past. Mr Younger said that there would be careful specification with Vickers on exactly what the firm was expected to produce on

Mr Meriya Rees (Leeds South and Moriey, Lab) said that getting this nrder mattered a 2 great deal in Leeds. How could the workforce there play a part during this demnustration period?

Mr Younger said the work-force would have to make sure that its work in the next 2t munths produced exactly the yardsticks and standards laid nnt in the contract.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith (Wealden, C) asked for an

ple's lives. The Government

claimed to be targeting those in greatest oeed, but made no

Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C) said that there were house-holds in which the carers them-

selves were in danger of breaking down, particularly through lack of respite.

Mr Tom Clarke, an Oppo-

sition spokesman on health and social security, said that Labour's attitude to proper pro-

vision for community care represented a challenge to pov-

erty, homelessness and neglect.

They could oot place all their

Stourbridge, C).

"We look to the Germans to behave in a more friendly fashion as an old ally", he

Mrs Thatcher said that the federal authorities had asked all armed forces

stationed there not to hold social events until after the funerals.

"It seemed reasonable, when the host

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab):

Mrs Thatcher: Never mind. We did and I

country asked that for a short period, to try

to conform. We did so.

many.

progress to this field.

'Community provision must be adequate'

Mellor's concern over care

guarantee that the tank selected estimate of the total cost of the project. Mr Younger said that it was

expected that the cost to the Government of the demonstration phase would be about £90 Mr Michael Jopling (West-morland and Lonsdale, C) asked for an assurance that, in view of

the past shortcomings of British tanks, this would be the best weapon available to the Army. That was crucial in the decision.

Mr Younger said that he took the point. The Government intended in carry through the demonstration phase until it was proved that the tank was up to the specifications laid down. Until then, the Government retained the uption of choosing the best tank. That was the best

psychiatric patients on the streets and when they knew the problem in many parts of

Mr Mellor said that they must be careful not to underesti-

mate the additional provisioo

seen in practical terms. Regard-

seen in practical terms. Regarding meotally haodicapped people, the hospital population had fallen by about 15,000 between 1976 and 1986, but the number of day-care residential

places in the community rose by 50 per cent more than that.

Regarding mental illness, be-ween 1976 and 1986, the

places had almost doubled and places in day centres increased

would be the best.

Mr Jerry Wiggin (Weston-Super-Mare, C) asked for an estimate of the total cost if the order were placed with Vickers. While he welcomed a modern version of a Second World War weapon, when would the House hear of the next world war weapon, the helicopter?

Mr Yomger said that the cost of the order would depend on its size and scale and whether it was in one or more tranches, but it was likely to be well over £1 billion if the new tank were to replace the Chieftain on a one-for-one basis.

The helicopter and the tank had different roles on the battle-field and a balance of both would be required.

Dispute over rent arrears

The Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition disagreed in the Commons about the reason for increased rent arrears. Mrs Thatcher said that local authorithes were to blame for not collecting rents regularly and Mr Kinnock argued that housing benefit cuts had led to the problem, which would get worse with high interest races.

Mr Kinnock began by asking why she thought that in the six months since April, rent arrears in Tnry Sunon had increased by 70 per cent, in Tory Barnet by 43 63 per cent?

Mrs Thatcher: Nearly half of centrated in 20 Labour councils. Mr Kinnock: Reports of very great increases in rent arrears come from authorities of every form. The huge increase comes directly as a consequence of the factly as a consequence of the f650 million cut in housing benefit. It will get worse next year...when rents rise because of high interest rates.

 The German request that British forces should not hold parties until after the funerals of those killed when an American Mrs Thatcher: Housing benefit still applies to one in three households. The total cost of housing benefit in 1988-89 is aircraft crashed at Remscheid in West Germany was raised during question time by Sir John Stokes (Halesowen and only 2 per cent lower than in the previous year. That cannot ex-plain the 40 per cent increase in He asked the Prime Minister to confirm rent arrears. Local authorities must collect arrears. that British forces were in Germany to defend their Nato allies, including Ger-

Mr Kinnock: The Prime Minister is deliberately evading the point. She has withdrawn resources from local authorities, and hit the poorest families by taking away housing benefit. Mrs Thatcher: The poorest have their housing paid for.

Labour MPs: No. Mrs Thatcher: They have their rent met 100 per cent and their rates met 80 per cent. They have an average payment to meet the rest of the rates. He

Rent arrears had risen think that that was the right instruction, to comply with the request until after the funeral service on December 15.

Let Government find £50m

'have sent the most' While 77 countries had sent aid to Armenia, the largest cash contributions had

British

come from individual Brit-nos, Mr Paul Mariand (West Gloucestershire, C) said during Prime Minister's questions. This showed that the British were generous and warm-hearned society and not selfish and greedy as the Opposition maintained (Labour laughter).

Mrs Thatcher: The response has been generous, both publicly and

Student loans 'too costly'

The proposed top-up loans scheme for students would cost taxpayers more than £600 million by the end of the century without opening up access to higher education, Mr Derek Fatchett, Oppo-sition spokesman on higher ducation, said during Commons questions.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Sco-retary of State for Education and Science, said that the aim was not to cut the amount of money spent on posal would increase it. Neither would it reduce

PR rejected by Thatcher

The new support for proportional representation ability of those who favoured it to get elected, Mr Andrew MacKay (East Berkshire, C) said when he found ready agreement from the Prime Minister to his re-quest that she should not set up a constitutional conference on electoral reform.

Mrs Thatcher, I will not set up such a conference. Governments which are elected by that means tend to be weak governments which cannot take decisions. There are too many of them about already.

Insurance offer praised

An offer from the Associ-ation of British Insurers to end insurance policies against the consequences of disqualification from driving because of drugs or drink was welcomed by Mr Francis Mande, Under Secretary of State for Trade

No new policies would be written from December 31 and existing policies would be phased out from December 31, 1990, he said in a written reply.

The Government would gislate if the voluntary

agreement did oot stop the issue of such policies. MP takes seat

Mr Steven Norris, who re-

tained Epping Forest for the Conservatives in last his seat in the Commons His sponsors were Mr David Waddington, the Govern-ment Chief Whip, and Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C), the father of the

Cost of visits Mrs Thatcher said in a

written answer that the cost of ber official visits to the United States of America since she became Prime Minister was £323,345. Parliament today

ment had been in office, the state pension had gone up by a beggariy 2 per cent in real terms. Remaining provisions will take effect in mid-1989. but the 1988 Act contains much tougher controls, but does not come into force until Further questions to the Prime Minister The nrders were approved without a division. A Labour MP: Not tough enough. Dalyell refuses to break off attack

Commons sitting is suspended

Mrs Thatcher yesterday gave new hope to Tory MPs who thought they had been nver-looked for nifice (Robin Oakley The all-night sitting was suspended for seven minutes early on Tuesday after a Labour MP Mr Sydney Chapman, aged 53, who entered the Commons for the first time in 1970, was the fitness of Mr Leon Brittan, the former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to become a European Commissioner.

appointed to fill the vacancy in the Conservative whips affice occasioned by the reshuffle of Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) said that the appointment was a "second-best compromise junior ministers after Mrs Ed-wina Currie's resignation. Mr Chapman, an architect pay-off" for Mr Brittan, who resigned from the Cabinet dur-ing the Westland affair. and company director, who has campaigned for tree-planting and for the preservation of the

The suspension was ordered by the Deputy Speaker (Mr Harold Walker), who had repeatedly interrupted Mr Dalyell's speech, urging him oot to denigrate Mr Brittan's char-Green Belt, has been MP for Chipping Barnet since 1979. He was previously member for Birmingham Handsworth from 1970-74. Two other promotions withio

the whips office announced yesterday complete this set of When the sitting was re-sumed, Mr Dalyell said that he did not wish to embarrass the Mr Tony Durant (Reading West) becomes Vice Chamberchair, especially as there were not enough MPs present to carry a motion to suspend him if he had been "named". He then left lain of the Household and Mr the chamber, saying: "I with-draw to facilitate matters". Loughborough, becomes a Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.

The debate was opened by Mr Mrs Currie was replaced on mas Currie was replaced on Friday as Under Secretary for Health by Mr Roger Freeman, whose position as Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence went to Mr Michael Neubert, who was Vice Chambertain Raymond Whitney (Wycombe, C), a former Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth affairs, who said that the prime Minister's Bruges speech fused because one Government was very popular in the Umited department was totally committed and entinesiastic about the

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Mr Dalyell: Appointment "was pay-off for Mr Brittan" entirely a matter for congratula-

principle of developing the European market and yet significantly different noises were coming out of Numbers 10 and land.

Mr Dalyell said that Mr Leon Brittan had a cloud hanging over him. He ought certainly not to be Britain's vice-president of the Commission, let alone Commissioner for Finan-cial Institutions.

He had treated his civil servants, his Cabinet colleagues and his Prime Minister, about a law officer's letter, in a way that was not acceptable to the House. "If he is to go to the com-

nission, I think we should agree that he should go proud, that he should go clear, that he should go absolved from all blame of misleading his colleagues in Parliament on any occasion or, in particular, during the West-

"As things stand, he is the scapegoat. Nobody else has carried the can. As things stand, it is a disgrace to our country and our Parliament that a and our ramaniem man a colleague should be going to a most prestigious job that Britain can offer to any of our countrymen in the Community until this affair has been cleared up nne way or the other. "No other minister ever on any occasion has treated a select

committee of this House of Commons as Mr Britian treated

"None of us who witnessed i have, in a parliamentary life-time, seen behaviour to com-pare with the arrogant stone-walling (by) which Mr Brittan refused to answer legitimate questions put by parliamentary collegenes

"Why? The appointment is a reward forced on the Prime Minister in recognition of the greatest service that a Cabinet minister in such circumstances can render to an occupant of Downing Street."

Mr Brittan had been the recipient of a unique corres-pondence which ended: "I hope it will not be long before you return to high office and continue your ministerial career". The Prime Minister had never said that to anyone before,

This was unique. Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that the bedrock of the Prime Minister's speech in Bruges was a clear statement that Britain's destiny was in Europe and that Britain was as committed to the European Community as any other

for cathedrals, says Tory

If the Government could find millions of posseds for eggs, why could it not find the £50 million needed by cathedrals to ensure that they would continue to delight and uplift future generations, Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C) asked during a short debate early on Tuesday morning.

He said that any government had a public obligation on behalf

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said that the Church of England could make representations to English Heritage if it felt that cathedrals should no longer be excluded from state aid given by the organization to churches.

Mr Robert Key (Salisbury, C) led a number of MPs in calling for Government financial support for the maintenance of cathedrals. He said that cathedrals were

now appealing for more than £50 million and could not properly plan sensible programmes of fabric restoration.

During the controversy over the proposed sale of the Mappa Mundi at Hereford Cathedral he had been incensed to hear slick advertising and marketing men saying that mency would flood in

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if only the cathedral would "market itself properly". It was futile to try to attract visitors to cathedrals where there were so many inad-equacies, including poor access and inadequate parking. Why were cathedrals being iscriminated against in fand-

cathedrals the existing pound-for-pound funding available for listed parish churches.

Another was to establish a new endowment funding system along the lines of the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

Mr Cormack said that there was a limit to what appeals could The Government should talk to deans and chapters of cathe-

their treasures, leaving tome of their treasures, leaving them in situ and accepting responsibility for their apkeep. The money paid for the trea-sures could be used as an endowment by which the cathedrais' daily needs could be met. Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford, C) said that the way in which the Mappa Mundi prob-

This problem represented the tip of the iceberg.

He was attracted by the sort of solution to the general problem as proposed by Mr Key.

He hoped that the minister would ask English Heritage to reconsider its approach to Her-eford Cathedral.

Mrs Bottomley said that Eaglish Heritage was maintaining practice established in 1977 when state aid for historic churches was introduced.

The Church of England at that time had recommended that that time had recommended that parish churches should be given priority because it felt that cathedrals, because of their prominence, were better placed than churches to raise large sums from the public and other private sources.

No important cathedral-restoration appeal had yet failed.

However, if the Church of England felt that circumstances had changed so radically since 1977 and that the basis of the policy of excinding cathedrals was out of date, it was up to the church to make representations to English Heritage which would happily discuss it.

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SPECTRUM

Make big mistakes, discover small truths

Colin Ward mourns the destruction of small enterprises in

Britain, and considers the lessons to be learnt from Italy

huge range of goods and services in small workshops, factories and warehouses. Sheffield was famous for its "little masters", Birmingham for its gunsmiths and jewellers. Slowly, with the concentration of owner-ship and the increase in industrial scale, the small enterprise economy was ignored.

The post-war decline of the small workshop sector was a result less of market forces than of a

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he traditional city had a policies and land speculation. In fine grain, providing a the large-scale redevelopment of cities, small industry was seen as a squalid nuisance and its importance in providing both jobs and purchasing power was unpoticed

Uotil the 1970s, train travellers in central London would look down on a dense network of small factories. Then came the property boom, and the sites became more valuable than the industries which sat on them. Today's traveller sees a wall of office buildings, sinister combination of official providing employment - but not

for local, skilled, semi-skilled or unskilled manual workers. It is the loss of these jobs that constitutes the inner-city employment problem. We have slowly rediscovered the importance of the small business sector, yet the errors of the 1950s and 1960s are

being repeated. The Government does not specifically require its chosen vehicle, the Urban Development Corporation, to create jobs. The Commons all-party select committee on employment found that the London Docklands Development Corporation had, in



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fact, destroyed thousands of existing blue-coller jobs.
Italy provides an intriguing contrast. The Italian manufac-

turing economy has weathered the storms of the past 15 years better than most and the industrial renaissance of the north-east and central areas, based on the emergence of thousands of very small workshops, offers a lesson.

Their success has not been accidental. As long ago as the 1950s there was agreement among all political factions at a city and regional level to encourage small

enterprise. The Cassa Artigiana was founded to provide credit at 11/2 to 2 per cent, with the result that most workers are employed in factories with fewer than 50 employees, with an increasing number in small workshops.

The workshops vary enormously. Some house craft activities which have by-passed the industrial revolution and whose products are still in demand. Others follow the familiar sweatshop pattern; they are the result of former factory workers setting up hi-tech operations for larger manufacturers, or are created where entrepreneurs have found a market for finished goods, such as textiles in Capri or shoes in Rimini.

Thousands of these small workshops are organized in co-operatively owned bodies such as the Confederazione Nazionale dell' Artigianato, which in the province of Emilia-Romagna alone is involved in training and management and keeps the books of 60,000 firms and handles 120,000 payslips a month. It also guarantees credit and arranges export

The economic life of Emilia-Romegna, where more than a third of the workforce is selfemployed and where incomes are the highest in Italy, symbolizes attitudes to the skill and autonomy of the individual worker that are scarcely grasped in our patronizing British approach.

n Bologna, for example, I talked to Ennio Mazzanti, whose precisioo equipment must be worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. He worked on the bench for 10 years in a motor-cycle factory and then bought one lathe and one vertical drilling machine to start up on his

Now he his son and three employees do ooe specialist opera-tioo for five different assemblers. paying the same standard wage as any other firm, and expecting to pay for the plant in 10 years. He relies on low overheads and pooled paperwork.

An assumption in Italy, where I saw the awesomely vast and derelict original First factory at Lingotto, is that manufacturing industry can survive through

decentralization. In Britain every former manufacturing city grasps desperately at theme parks, science parks, garden festivals, heritage centres or museums of industrial history, just to grab some secondary or service jobs for redundant industrial workers. It is taken for granted that prosaic consumer goods, whether washing machines or motor cycles, can only be produced abroad.

TOMORROW Moving towards a better inner city

Colin Ward, the author of this series, is the winner of the first Charles Douglas-Home Memorial Trust Award, instituted to commemorate the Editor of The Times from 1982 to 1985. Ward received the award for research into the revival of Britain's inner cities. The resulting book, Welcome, Thinner City, from which this series is adapted, will be published by Bedford Square Press September 1989.

Can a city which has been shattered by an earthquake rebuild a safer tomorrow? Ivor Davis and Sally Brompton investigate

Building for a shaky future

he bleak nightly news footage from the earth-quake devastated regions of the Soviet Union has been watched with more than usual empathy by the 28 million residents of America's most populous state. For California is earthquake country, and the "it could happen here" feeling is more than a

passing thought.

Many Californian experts
predict that "the Big One", a
quake m the region of 8.3 on the Richter Scale (the Armenian quake registered 7) is inevitable. A quake of that size has a 50-50 chance of happening on the southern section of the San Andreas fault line within the next 30 years, according to a report prepared for the National Security Council. The resulting death toll is predicted at between 3,000 and 13,000 people, depending on the time

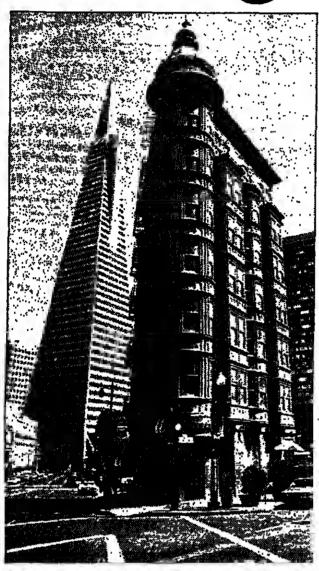
The only comfort, if comfort can be had, is the fact that California's builders and en-gineers are enforcing what they call the "toughest earthquake safety building regulations in the world".

When a huge number of deaths occur in a quake - as was the case in Armenia they are usually caused by the collapse of buildings, resulting in thousands of victims being buried. "Unfortunately," says Franklin Lew, manager of the City of San Fra quake safety division, Russia and other parts of the world, the pre-cast concrete method of construction is still

Even in San Francisco it was not until 42 years after the devastating 1906 quake, which almost destroyed the city, that the town fathers decreed that new buildings needed earthquake safety measures. Now the city is undergoing an unprecedented building boom.

One of the most dramatic buildings on the city's skyline is the 48-storey Transamerica foundations. The office block sits on a huge concrete foundation "mat" built only 20ft into the ground substitution of the ground was constructed bottom heavy to resist overturning in an carthouake.

Shaking, rattling and rolling codes for everything from skyscrapers to family homes. Alifornians. Huge earthquake faults, including the perts argue, might be unpublications. Huge codes for everything from braced with physood walls that when the Big One comes they will no longer be into the foundations. Houses built in this way might slide worry."



Safe and sound? The Transamerica Pyramid, in Son Francisco

famous San Andreas, run from northern California to the south, making it one of the most active quake areas in the world. The California In-stitute of Technology records up to 15,000 quakes of various sizes each year and, before age could occur.

they could start from scratch

predictable - but death and damage can be cootrolled. Franklin Lew says: "Most new foundations which are sup-These are designed to resist stricter building codes were uplift, and to prevent the introduced, enormous dam-building from tipping over. For a building to topple, the pilings would have to be The experts agree that, if ripped out of the ground." In addition, all high-rise build-ings in California must be "Building precisel

columns and girders. cities and those in neigh-bouring states have the Blue Book, a 60-page bible for new building which spells out the

steel and wood frames, sway but do not fall. Despite the new, tougher

codes, there are both in San architects and earthquake Francisco and Los Angeles thousands of older brick and strategy for rebuilding, many masonry buildings that do not come up to standard. Most were built long before the new rules. In 1981, the city of Los the old. Angeles finally passed an ordinance requiring that almost 8,000 unreinforced masonry buildings including schools and hospitals be upgraded. But it will be 15 years at least before all buildings can be brought up to minimum standards. And in the rest of California there are 100,000 or more buildings that would not fare well in a quake.

n order to prod other communities into action, California passed a bill requiring all cities and counties up to 50 miles on either side of the San Andreas Fault to look at their older buildings and suggest improvements.

In my own backyard, the city of Ventura, there is a huge battle going on involving own-ers of commercial buildings in the downtown area who complain that they cannot afford to opgrade their premises. The city has relented slightly and given them more time to do the work - so that it will be another decade before the buildings are strengthened.

That is precisely Califor nia's main problem. The strict building codes exist, but through lax supervision, the high-rise buildings have rules are sometimes not worth ported on piles driven 40 to In San Francisco, Michael 150 ft or more into the ground. Praszker, a geotechnical enbuilding skyscrapers, admits that even in the construction of multi-million dollar hotels and offices, builders often try to cut corners when it comes

"Building precisely to the built with steel framing, steel code increases the cost of In the construction of mean millions of dollars when houses, California decrees that you are involved in putting up common form of construction the almighty dollar looms m earthquake country - be corners will be cut. Some fee

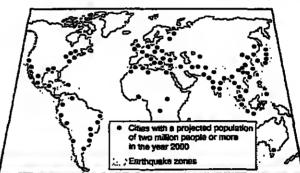
off their foundations in a quake, but they do not disintegrate as they did in the Soviet Union. Houses built with 18 in there seems little excase for or more of footing, and with constructing the kind of flimsy buildings which crumbled in

> But as Russia's leading world experts are doubtful whether the new cities will be significantly more stable than

It is not the scientific knowhow which is in question, but human vulnerability. According to Dr David Key, a consulting engineer and earthquake expert: "The technology to build carthquake resistant buildings is quite well devel-oped. What we don't know how to do is how to make people do what they are suposed to do."

Key, who heads a research fellowship at Bristol Univer-sity which is currently involved in earthquake research, adds: "The Russians have a perfectly reasonable earth-quake code to work to, but it is inconceivable that all those buildings in Armenia had been built to it. And if you can't enforce that sort of thing in such a highly organized soci-ety, I don't know where you

Nicholas Ambraseys, the



A human danger that still lives on

professor of engineering seis-mology at Imperial College, London, points to countries such as Greece, Turkey and Italy where small houses in rural areas are frequently built under the supervision of the owner "who tries to cut corners in order to cut costs, and who is entirely maware of what nature has in store for him".

Nor has the situation necessarily been improved in cases where governments have tried to help individuals by giving them money or low-interest loans to rebuild their properties.

There is also the temptation in a situation such as that in Armenia to rebuild as quickly Amenia to rebuild as queckly as possible. "It think the Russian solution will be to provide widespread housing in a hurry by using prefabricated large-panel construction," says Edmund Booth, a consulting engineer specializing in earthquake engineering. "With that type of construction it is type of construction it is difficult to make the joints

After an earthquake in Yagoslavia in the early 1960s, three-quarters of the popula-

between the panels sufficiently

tion of the stricken area were evacuated for up to five years in order to rebuild their city. While new buildings were substantially stronger, there was a problem . . . many of the children were unable to under-stand the local dialect when they returned home.

The required resistance of can vary according to use, and rules are well established in more developed countries such as the United States and Japan. "What usually hap-pens is that you divide engineering structures into three categories," Ambraseys says. "The lowest is dwellings you're prepared to have an almost total loss of the building, providing it does not collapse. The second category is places of public gathering such as schools, museums, and galleries, which are built to resist with limited damage.

"The third and most impertant group consists of dams and nuclear power plants, which are designed to survive with very limited damage." Ambraseys adds: "It is difficult to say what will happen in

Armenia. Serious problems can arise during reconstruction because many of the dwellings will be repaired but not strengthened. Some people will be living in houses which are safe, and some not,"

The soapy facts of life

Delivering the results of lengthy research, Dr Maire Messenger Davies has told a conference organized by the British Psychological Society that soap operas are useful in letting children discover how adult hehave.

life from a daily viewing of ATV's Crossroads can only stand and appland her robust conclusions. In the 18th cen-tury, Lord Chesterfield was forced to write daily letters of advice to his son; nowadays, he can save himself much time and bother simply by playing him videos of past episodes of

Indeed, "Mr Brown's Extracts of Advice From Crossroads Videos To His Daughter" seems set to become a vital learning tool for All Lords are moustachioed the youngsters of today. A

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most marriages Those of us of a generation or have learnt all we know of

months, generally for one of two BROWN (a) The husband is shot in cold blood

(b) The husband discovers that his wife is pregnant by her brother in law, who is himself tangled up with the girl from the hair salon, whose own husband suspects nothing, and has yet to tell her that he is dying of cancer.

and dotty, all blacks cheery and willing to please, all chefs temperamental, all old women gossipy, and all assistant managers shameless womanizers. When you grow to be an adult, you will often netice people in the background who you will never see again. A close study of these people will reveal that though they talk animatedly to one another, no

obligatory refrain, "what's up with 'im, then?"

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• Whenever anything devastating happens in adult life, as it will daily at 5.25pm, you will be expected to step talking mid-paragraph, a look of horror on your face, while a small understay plays a signature the might be reason to be a small to be reason to be small to be orchestra plays a signature tune, only to resume your

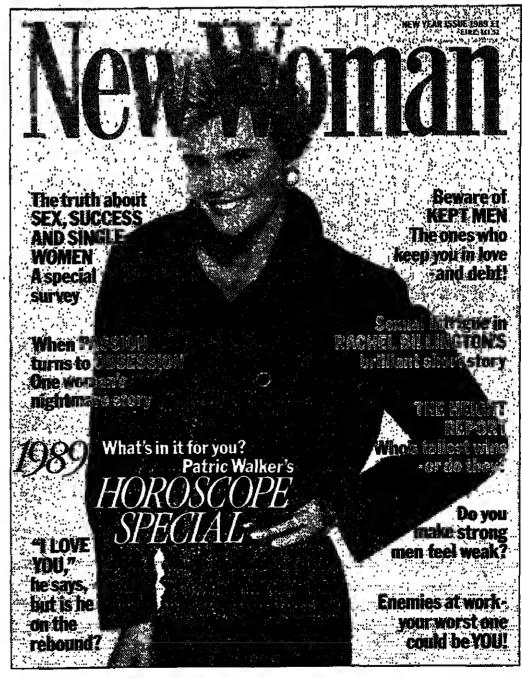
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• Adults never when he said: "If, by changing leave a room quietly; instead they "storm out". As national demands to such a matter, then I can see no out," another reason why, at some time in invariably shuffles in, looking bewildered and uttering the should not begin to think along those lines." This was interpreted by

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Kinnock hit back at "wilful misinterpretation of his earlier statement". "I made it quite clear that if the broad majority investigate the pessibilities of imaginatively extending on stioned last night over incorporate some specific as-



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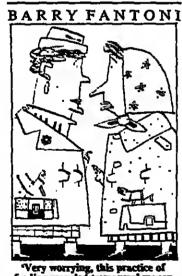
significant election took place within the Parliamentary Labour Party last Wednesday, but passed unnoticed by the wider world. It was for the post of trustee of the £839,000 of public funds or "Short Money" that the party receives each year.
The "establishment" candidate, former
Cabinet minister Merlyn Rees, was surprisingly defeated 65-49 by Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington), whose secretive but highly organized campaign secured wide backbench support. Why did Campbell-Savours win? First, because he is a member of the Commons Public Accounts com-mittee, has a keenly inquiring mind, and is fiercely independent. Second, because there is suspicion among Labour backbenchers of the way in which this money appears to be parcelled out among members of the Shadow Cabinet and the Leader's office. Party officials insist that the distribution process is entirely above board and all shadow ministers get the same. Campbell-Savours would not comment. One leading plotter asserted: "The Parliamentary party should allocate the money, not the leader-ship. It's all a question of accountability, and we needed somebody to keep an eagle eye on what is going on."

By way of a Christmas gift, accountants Coopers & Lybrand have sent MPs a 1989 calendar with a cartoon for every mooth. "This calendar will, we hope, be an amusing reminder of the firm if you need assistance in any particular area," says the accompanying letter from the chairman, Brandon Gough. Alas, female Labour MPs have found nothing remotely amusing in the cover cartoon, which shows a boss discovering his secretary spreadeagled across a desk. "It's disgracefully vulgar," says Jo Richardson, Labour's spokespersoo on women. With eight of her colleagues she has reported Coopers & Lybrand to the Advertising Standards Authority.

ake of this what you will. The office of Employment Secretary Norman Fowler last week wrote to Labour agriculture spokesman Ron Davies to say he had addressed a written parliamentary question to the wrong department.

"... Projections for the employment potential of forestry in rural areas in England is primarily a matter fur the Secretary of State for Wales," he was told.

et me add my mite to the Edwina Currie saga. Three hours after receiving her resignation on Friday, Mrs Thatcher attended the annual Commons children's party organized by the par-liamentary press corps. She did so oo one express coodition — that oo one asked her about eggs. Meanwhile, a dozen Tory MPs can be expected to celebrate Mrs Currie's departure with a feast. Led by Langbaurgh MP Richard Holt and Wirral's Barry Porter, they are members of the so-called Currie Club which, despite her demise, will live oo as a memorial to her inimitable style. It was set up after her ootorious lambasting of the oorthern diet, for the specific purpose of enabling its members to cat what they want without being nagged or berated. It meets for a moothly stodgy dinner. Its one cardinal rule is that Mrs Currie's name is



Very worrying, this practice of eding recycled taxpayers' money

abour's Bruce Milian, who becomes Britaio's second European commissioner next month, must be feeling pretty sore. Obliged to resign early as Glasgow Govan's MP so that his party the SNP overturn his 19,000 majority but has been deprived of his parliamentary salary for the past two mooths. Leon Brittan, our nther prospective commissioner, will suffer no such deprivation. Though the House rises for the Christmas recess tomorrow, he will continue to represent his Richmond constituency until the very last mioute. He will resign as an MP on Saturday, December 31, and start his new job in Brussels oo Monday, January 2.

ow did the BBC get Edward Heath on to Desert Island Discs last Sunday, and why did interviewer Sue Lawley find him so unusually mellow and relaxed and ready to talk about his private life? Probably because the programme's producer, Olivia Seligman, is his godson's sister and the daughter of his old and loyal friend, the Euro-MP Madron

The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in the Tory party, eveo among the dissidents. MPs are rushing to cash in oo the arrival of television cameras in the Commons. David Davis (Boothferry) has been signed up by the BBC to produce a plain man's guide to the place and its procedures. Julian Critchley (Aldershot) is planning a similiar layman's guide. Both will be competing with the inside knowledge of John Biffen, former Leader of the House, who is writing a third, anecdote-laden guide for Grafton Books, in which Labour leftwinger Dennis Skinner is upheld as an archexponent of parliamentary cunning. The slowness of the committee charged with setting up the television experiment is meanwhile playing havoc with publication dates. The experiment has been delayed

until pext autumn. So has Biffen's book.

When Mrs Thatcher brought back Peter Walker from the political wilderness and installed him as Minister of Agriculture in 1979 she offered to upgrade the

ministry to a department which would have made him a

secretary of state.

Walker saved the country a small fortune in signwriter's bills by declining, telling friends that he fancied being "the only minister in Margaret Thatcher's cabinet". The eggs affair has shown how wise Mrs Thatcher has been not to repeat the upgrading offer. It would be much too grand a title for the Whitehall branch office of the National Farmers' Union.

Officially it is MAFF, or the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. But the Food part of that title, with its implied responsibility to consumers. seems to be tossed overboard any time it might bring the ministry into conflict with bod-

ministry into connect with bodies like the egg producers.

To many MPs, the spectacle of
MAFF sitting, fetching and chasing with gun-dog docility these
past few weeks at the behest of its
chief clients has been disturbing. Tories represent towns too, and many, who hold no particular brief for Mrs Edwina Currie, have also been disturbed by the spectacle of MAFF joining a pack which included the envious and the anti-semitic as well as the genuinely outraged. There is

Robin Oakley sees a chance for Labour in the egg controversy

Farmers ruling the roost

a growing feeling on Tory back with commendable speed. But it benches that the kow-towing to is possible to reconcile Mrs the farmers has been overdone. Surely, the doubters say, some loyalty is owed to colleagues in

trouble even if they are in other departments. Instead of accepting the first egg industry protests at face value and encouraging the hue and cry after Mrs Currie, why didn't the Ministry of Agriculture tell the egg producers and their friends that they were making things a thnusand times worse for themselves by the fuss they were making?
After all, there was no slump

in chip buttie sales when Mrs Currie lectured northerners oo their diet. The more the egg industry screamed that sales were plummeting the more the public thought there must be something in the scare stories. Of course there must be sympathy with the plight of many egg producers who, with their staff, face a threat to their

livelihoods. Of course John

MacGregor, the Agriculture Minister, had to act to stabilize

the industry, and he has done so

Currie's much criticized remark that "most egg production" is contaminated with salmonella with MacGregor's carefully worded insistence that it is not the case that "most eggs" have salmonella. Egg production in-volves the whole chain, including what most people would regard as the disgusting process nf feeding hens on the carcasses of dead chickens re-processed in

feed protein plants.

If Mrs Currie's statement overdid the public alarm, is oot MacGregor being somewhat disingenous in peddling a figure of 1,000 cases of salmonella food poisoning a year while ministers admit it to be an underestimate - especially when medical experts say that as few as one case

in ten may be recorded?

MacGregor is a highly intelligent and able minister seen as a potential Chancellor. But some colleagues recall that even when he was at the Treasury his favourite reading was Farmers Weekly. He has a Norfolk constituency and they wonder if he does oot have a little too much mud on his boots to make him as tough at dealing with the farming lobby as he is with the bureaucrats of Brussels.

By contrast, a minister who, whatever her other faults, showed real concern on public health hazards and had an impressive record in health education has lost her job for drawing attention to the fact that it is not safe, oo official govern-ment advice, for old people, babies and others oot in robust health to eat uncooked eggs. She nverdid it, but if it had been left to the Ministry of Food to make them aware of the danger would

anybody ever have ooticed? We have the claims by Sir Richard Body, a farmer and former chairman of the Agricul-ture Select Committee, that in 1981 the MAFF watered down regulations intended to cut the risk of salmonella infection after protests from client industries at the potential cost.

It is clear that the most stringent guidelines are needed on what food may be given to hens in a business in which margins are slim, competition is: intense and the temptation to go for the cheapest option rather than the bealthiest practice is always there. But the Ministry of Agriculture, claiming it is quicker that way, has given us only voluntary codes in Decem-

ber to tackle a problem known

about for much of the year. It has cut financial support for key research into the prevention of salmonella on the grounds that "near to market" research should be done by the industry itself. Fine. A careful hand on the public purse-strings is part of overall government policy. But what is it doing to ensure that research is carried out? And some Tories find it

curious for a government believ-ing so fervently in market forces to be throwing £20 million compensation at the egg producers because the public have exercised their choice and stopped buying so many eggs. It is, after all, the industry whose own practices in breeding and feeding have produced the health threat which has led to the health threat which has led to the current scare. As one minister put it: "Edwina may have exaggerated the problem but she didn't inveot it". Which other industry could expect the same handout treatment if some complaint about the safety of its products led to a slump in sales? The effectiveness of the farm-

products led to a slump in sales?

The effectiveness of the farming lobby has ensured that oo rates are paid on agricultural land. Unlike other polluters, farmers using chemical fertilizers and pesticides do not have to rate for their extraction from to pay for their extraction from water supplies.

We have seen of late how determinedly Labour intends to pursue a new status as the perty of the consumer. On Barlow Clowes it was Tooy Blair who spoke up for the small investor. On electricity and water privatization it is Labour that warms of the cost to the ordinary consumer. On credit card interest rates Gordon Brown is making

the running.

Labour began the eggs affair
idiotically, so besorted with the idea of driving out Mrs Currie that it failed to see the opportunities in being seen to press for better public health protection in

egg production.

Now, once again, the Tories look like the party of the big battalions and Labour has the opportunity to step in oo the

Conor Cruise O'Brien

Last chance for Hillsborough

Irish Republic to Brit-ain in "political" cases has broken down. Patrick Ryan is not going to be extradited. And the wording of the Irish Attorney General's ruling suggests that oo other terrorist suspect whose case has attracted public attentioo and comment is likely to be extradited in the future.

I regret this. A few days before the Attorney General's ruling I wrote an article in the Irish Independent, the Republic's largest-selling newspaper, advocat-ing Ryan's extradition to face trial in Britain. I got little public support, even from the notinsignificant section of public opinioo that oormally goes along with much of what I have to say. The opposition, and public opinioo in the Republic, support the Haughey government's stand on this matter, with only insignifi-cant qualifications.

The fact is that public opinion

in the Republic is basically ambivalent about the IRA and about co-operation with the British against it. And British pressure on an Irish government to extradire IRA suspects always brings the oegative elements in that ambivalence to the surface. Handing over "one of our own' to be tried by "them" goes against the grain of Irish history, as understood by most Irish Roman Catholics. And the more those occative elements in Irish ambivalence are aroused the more they are likely oot merely to reject extradition but to call into question the very basis of security co-operation with the British against the IRA.

A recent poll in the Republic shows that Haughey's personal popularity has soared to an unprecedented 62 per cent, apparently as a result of saying "No" to Mrs Thatcher. Not a good omen for the future of extradition, or for anything else. Mrs Thatcher, obviously, has scant patience with Irish ambivalence. Her personal freedom

from ambivalence of any kind is part of her strength. I don't blame her for expressing her impatience in forthright terms, and I don't think the outcome in

the Ryan case would have been any different had she been less forthright. But, for the reasons I have indicated, a British effort, in present circumstances, to resurrect extradition through sustained pressure on Dublin would probably have the reverse effects to those intended. That is, it would bring aid and comfort to the IRA by lending credibility to

its propaganda.
Ambivalence, like it or oot, is part of the Irish scene: a residue both of the realities and of the myths of Irish history. When Mrs Thatcher entered into the Anglo-Irish agreement she un-wittingly made a pact with ambivalence and with ambiguity.

Not surprisingly, after three years' experience, she is disappointed with the results of the pact. Soon after it was signed, she told the Commons that it would strengthen the union with Northern Ireland. Her Dublin partners did not contradict ber, but they were thinking along quite different lines. They knew that the agreement would subject the union to severe strain by deeply offending all the Unionists, the only people in the province who feel a sense of loyalty to the Crown and the British connection.

ie also knew the British side apparently did oot - that the fine words about ending the alienation of the minority", so often heard in theheyday of Hillsborough, did not mean that the "moderate" sec-tion of the minority was about to co-operate with the security forces against the IRA. That did not happen; oor did the violence diminish. In fact it grew.

t the time of the second anniversary of the agreement - a week after the Poppy Day massacre at Enniskillen - Sir Charles Carter accurately diagnosed the coo-dition of Northern Ireland under the agreement. "The agree-ment," he declared: "has alienated the majority, without reconciling the minority." After Enoiskillen, Mrs Thatcher apparently realized that the agreement had, to say



the least, done no good inside Northern Ireland. But she clearly still put some trust in Article 9 (a) which speaks of "enhancing cross-border co-operation oo

security matters." Here also her trust has been misplaced. Under the conditions prevalent in the Republic, public discussion of security co-operation - which greatly increased after Hillsborough - tends to be inimical to its actual practice, as the debate over the Ryan case abundantly illustrates. In the past, as under Eamon De Valera, security co-operation worked best in practice when it was never discussed in public. If Ryan is to be brought to trial

- as the prima facie evidence suggests he should be - it can oow only be in the Republic. I agree with that part of the article in The Times last Thursday by John Kelly, the Republic's former attorney general, in which he argued that Britain should oow make use of the provisions of the Irish Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act of 1976. That Act was intended as a substitute for extradition, which was at that time considered in the Republic

to be unconstitutional in "political" cases. Since then, extradition has been found to be constitutional, but it has also proved to be virtually unworkable, given the

state of Irish public opinion. The substitute alone remains (at least in the Ryan case). If the British sovernment will not now make use of that substitute, Ryan will not go on trial, anywhere. That

scents a pity.
John Kelly concluded by speaking of the need not to place "a further burden . . . upon the tender growth of the Hillsborough agreement". He will forgive me if I fail to shed a tear. To my eye, that "tender growth" looks very like a weed. In the garden of Anglo-Irish relations we already have God's plenty of

Still, one last effort might, perhaps, be made to extract

terms, from the bedraggled document that was signed at Hills-borough amid so much political euphoria three years ago. The British side could put on the agenda of the inter-governmental cooference the question of cootingency plans for the imple-mentation of internment, on both sides of the border, should both governments find such a measure expedient.

nlike extradition, internment is oot necessarily a dirty word in the Republic. Both Eamon De Valera and Sean Lemass, prime minister from 1959-66, used internment effectively against the IRA. And everyone knows that if ever the IRA campaign spreads into the Republic, internment will be brought into force immediately. There don't appear, therefore, to be any grounds oo which the representatives of the Republic could refuse to discuss contingency plans for the possible introduction of internment, on both sides of the border. And it is highly unlikely that the IRA campaign can be brought to an end unless and until interament can be prougnt into operation by both governments.

Grounds or not, the Republic's representatives might still refuse to discuss this subject even on a contingency basis. If so, it will have been proved that the Hillsborough agreement is as uscless as an instrument of enhanced security co-operation as it has proved for the improvement of relations between the two communities in Northern

Most commentators assert, generally without giving reasons, that the agreement must be kept in being. But those who so assert are invited to answer the following question: what good, exactly, has the agreement done, in what areas, that is sufficient to out-weigh the fact that it has been, and is still, steadfastly rejected by the great majority of the people of Northern Ireland - the area for whose benefit the agreement is supposedly intended?

Commentary • MICHAEL KINSLEY

To bed with Bush

They said, again and again, there would be no honeymoon. And then, right on schedule, the hnneymoon started. The American Press is in love with George Bush. It didn't take much. A little wine and cheese at the new unkport, Maine (Bush stagily bought the necessaries himself at a local store), the occasional news conference with real, unrehearsed answers, and this self-styled, tough old broad swooned like a schoolzirl.

Thus we enter the third stage.

in a year, in the Press's attitude towards Bush. The first was contempt. For the first half of the year he was regarded as an meffectual wimp, sure to be knocked out by a primary rival or his Democratic opponent. By winning the nomination and then unveiling a brilliantly demagogic campaign against Michael Dukakis, Bush earned the Press's respect. But it was said that the viciousness of the campaign, and its cool manipulation of the media (candidate Bush virtually stopped holding news conferences for the last month) would guarantee a frosty reception when, as presidentelect, he came courting.

Not at all. Bush now emerges

as an aristocratic charmer and unpretentious nice guy, his campaign populist posturing and stridency forgiven and forgotten. One by one the opponents he defeated and/or denounced in the campaign - Pat Robertson, Bob Dole, Jesse Jackson, Dukakis - have dropped by for kiss-and-make-up sessions. Only Dole had the humanity to let the

through.
What's the explanation? There

are psychological factors. Bush has played a skilful game of "bad cop/good cop", his previous nastiness making his victus pathetically grateful for the sudden reversal into niceness. Then, too, the Press, for all its adversarial swagger, respects success and reveres power. Feeling guilty for having underestimated the candidate, the Press is overcompensating in its treatment of the president-elect. As the mantle of greatness descends, the attitude of "aw, phocey" turns into one of simple awe.

There are institutional factors, too. Bush and those close to him least four years. The temptation strong. Moreover, a natural law of the media is that the story must keep changing. Having done Bush the nerd and Bush the monster, the Press is cagerly susceptible to Bush the charmer. Bush winning points for such "regular guy" activities as going to the cinema and ordering buttered popcorn. The Press and public appetite for this sort of

"imperial presidency", and at one point tried to dress up the

White House guards in ridicu-lous Buckingham Palace-style

uniforms. So Gerald Ford got

ecstatic reviews for inviting the

Press into his suburban house,

the morning after his election

are now in a position to reward and punish journalists for at not to offend, at least at first, is It is especially hilarious to see thing goes in regular cycles. Richard Nixon raised fears of the

campaigning in 1976, went over big by carrying his own suitbag oo to aeroplanes. In fact the high
point of Carter's presidency —
less than one hour into it,
unfortunately — probably came
when he got out of his limousine
and walked the route of the inaugural parade. Four years later, the Press was

heartily sick of Carter's southern poor boy routine. The Reagans were given considerable credit for bringing "class", "elegance" and "dignity" back to the White House it was frequently pointed out that the presidency com-bined the functions of king and prime minister. The Reagans reinstituted white-tie dinners, and Reaganites leaked word that the Carter people had left the White House filthy and infested with cockroaches

But by the end of the Reagan era, the Reagans' particular ver-sion of "class" had worn out its welcome. Mrs Reagan tempered her "Fancy Nancy" image by taking up the issue of drug rehabilitation, but didn't abandoo her obsession with clothes or her vulgar socialite circle of friends. As for her husband, always dependent on rehearsed forms of human interaction, he became more distant and Hirohito-like with age. After the Iran-Contra affair, he retreated almost completely into the "Mr

President" shell. So now the Bushes' genuinely aristocratic casualness ("U"

behaviour, in the Nancy Mitford

categorization), is contrasted favourably with the Reagans'

figure Bush has about two years in enjoy this before the cycle starts to turn again.

Anyway, what's wrong with a honeymoon? The Bushes' style is genuinely preferable to the Reagans'. What's more, even someone who voted against him (i.e. me) suspects that the "gentler. kinder" Bush now on display is closer to the real person than was the campaign munster.

But the monster should not be so easily forgotten. Bush made a Faustian bargain. A basically decent man, he looked into his soul some time last summer, asked himself how badly he wanted to be president, and got the answer very badly indeed. Having made his deal with the devil, be shouldn't be able to shrug it nff with an, "Oh, that was just the campaign"

Bush would like nothing better than to play Dr Jekyll for about three and a half years and then swallow the potion and become Mr Hyde again for the next election. His success at getting away with this will determine the tone of American politics at all levels. The notion that campaigning and governing are two utterly unrelated activities, if it becomes widely accepted, will undermine the quality of campaigns and governance. Campaigns will become dirtier and more irrelevant; government de-cisions will have less democratic

A president who wooed the electorate as Bush did deserves no honeymoon. He should be henpecked from day one. The author is editor of New victory, to watch him make his ("non-U") glitzy formality. I

ON THIS DAY

NAPOLEON. The first call of

The Times misjudged Louis Napoleon. Far from accepting the Republic, he destroyed it with Machiavellian cunning. Four years after his election as president he was declared Emperor

[PRESIDENT LOUIS NAPOLEON]

The President of the French Republic will be this day pro-claimed in the National Assembly. Immediately France, in one sense at least, will turn over a new eaf of her eventful story. The contavversies, the doubts, and the animosities of a contest will give way to that deeper, though calmer excitement with which men watch the movements of any new power. The Prince will enter the palace from which his uncle departed to his last conflict with Europe, and afterwards to exile. He will choose his Ministers and indicate his policy. The great questions that divide the French nation will press, if not for permanent, at least for tempersury decision.

Every act and word will be recorded in ten million memories for or against the object of a continual and overwhe scrutiny, and France will soon know what manner of man she has summoned to the helm LOUIS NAPOLEON will coase to be a name worshipped with mysterious indistinctness. Even the calumnies and the gossip with which fection has assailed him as a desperate or a dangerous pretender will soon give place to

more serious matters... If any man ever asked himself where he stood, that question is He accepted the Republic, and is bound by that sacrament...

duty and the first suggestion of prudence is, that he should take his stand on the very letter and spirit of the Constitution under which he is elected. Whatever the deficiencies and the follies of that artificial fabric, its leading negatives are clear. It contains neither Emperor, Consul, Dictator, nor King. If the Prince is true to that charter, even should be die in its defence, he will at least hand down his name unimpaired, and constitute a glorious link between the first Emperor and a family of whose destinies no one sees the end. It is for other hands and for another time to change the Republic into an Empire, if that will ever be. LOUIS NAPOLEON is not the experienced political chief called in to dictate between contending parties; he is not the victorious General charged to restore order and defend the soil; he has neither the capacity nor the call of a sovereign ruler. His successors may have this unenviable mission, but his own place is clearly defined; and if lower in the herald's roll of precedence, is not less honourable in the records of gratitude and fame. Against a vain-glorious nation ever dwelling on the trophies of the past, against an enthusiastic army, sgainst unwise and possibly against unwise and possibly treacherous advisers, and against the long-cherished hopes of his life, it is his manifest duty to guard the position in which the Republic has placed him. He was not bound to LOUIS PHIL-IPPE, and might lawfully seek his destruction. He is bound to the Republic and cannot break that allegiance without diagrace. If he still claimed his Imperial inheritance, it was his duty to remain an erile, and to bide his time. He made a better choice.

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PACTS IN PROPORTION

Mrs Thatcher now has the Opposition parties transfixed in fear, as a mouse might be in the baleful stare of a cat. Labour is held in terror not by the unfaceable reality that, in its present condition, it is unelectable but by the growing horror of the sinister legend that Mrs Thatcher is invincible by ordinary politics. Many in the centre, as well as some Marxists, fear the same.

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In desperation, therefore, they turn to the idea of pacts between Labour and the Democrats to oust Mrs Thatcher, with an agreement that, if successful, they would go on to place before the electorate a proposal for an electoral system based on some kind of proportional representation thereafter.

Mr John Evans, the Labour MP for St Helens North, one of Mr Kinnock's firm supporters, has said that the Conservatives will be in office indefinitely - unless Labour and the Democrats make a pact not to fight each other in an agreed number of marginal seats, and then move to some "fairer form of electoral procedures".

Inevitably, therefore, pacts and PR were put to Mr Neil Kinnock in his television interview with Mr Brian Walden at the weekend. Inevitably he rejected both. To have seemed to entertain even the vaguest possibility of a pact would have been to destroy Labour's prospects by a massive statement of no self-confidence. But there was more to Mr Kinnock's rejection than tactical necessity.

The reality is that a Labour-Alliance pact would by no means have ensured the loss of Mrs Thatcher's majority in 1987 and would be far from guaranteeing it at the next election. At least as many (if not more) Democrats would probably shift to the Tories to keep Labour out as would vote Labour to dish Mrs Thatcher.

In seats where Labour stood aside for the Democrats, a pact might work better - with Labour voters opting more solidly for the Democrats. Yet this could be offset by Tory-defecting Democrats who fear a Labour

But the heart of the matter is not a pact but proportional representation itself. Mr Kinnock's reply on this point was sensible and even statesmanlike. He wisely did not attempt to damn PR as though it had no rationality. and because he chose his words warily they have been interpreted in some places as indicating a wish to keep the door open to electoral "reform".

Acknowledging the apparent fairness of PR and its appeal, he admitted that if by changing the system "justice and reasonableness in government could be assured" nothing could be said against it. But he added that there was no guarantee or even likelihood that PR would bring a government favoured by the majority.

That is so, and implicit in his words was the truth that although PR is obviously fairer to political parties as such, it by no means follows that it is fairer to the people as a whole.

On major issues to which a clear electoral "yes" or "no" should be given, PR would not necessarily mean that the majority's wishes will prevail. Indeed, by putting minority parties in the position of power-brokers, it could have the opposite effect, with third-party voters having no clear knowledge of which major party their vote would put in power, or on what terms.

If, however, two parties went to the polls in declared coalition, it would hardly add to the electorate's real voting power. The possible evolution of a mulitiplicity of parties actually removes choice from the voters and hands it to bargaining politicians, carrying the risk of weak and unstable government.

First-past-the-post, like any other system, has its snags. But it generates responsible and responsive governments that are stable. If voters do not like the result, within four to five years they can turn it out.

British politics at the moment are painfully distorted but not by the electoral system. The culprit is Labour itself which so persistently resists efforts to make it fit for power.

Mr Kinnock is wise to see that the worst possible reason for changing the system would be desperate expediency. That would almost certainly rebound on Labour's head. If the Labour advocates of a pact and PR really want power they should concentrate on helping to get their party in a condition that in the voters' eyes make it worthy of office.

COALITION AT LAST

After nearly two months of negotiations, Israel's two main political power blocs are to form another national coalition. The proposed new Government ought to have several advantages over the so-called Government of national unity which held power for four years before last month's indecisive poll.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, will hold that post throughout without having to take turns with the Labour leader, Mr Shimon Peres. With continuity should come greater

The replacement of the moderate Mr Peres as Foreign Minister by Mr Shamir's right-wing partner Mr Moshe Arens, must dishearten those hoping for positive moves in the international peace process. But the voice of Israel should at least sound more coherent when it speaks to the outside world.

Mr Shamir can call most of the shots. His Likud Party still has the option of forming a more narrowly-based coalition with smaller groups if Mr Peres threatens to bring down the Government on a point of principle.

Even Mr Peres is opposed to negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and to forming a Palestinian state on the West Bank. In the changed situation created by Mr Yassir Arafat's recent initiative, the Labour-Likud alliance could thus find itself united.

Labour retains the defence ministry - one of the three most important posts in modern Israel. But the Army has the unenviable job of coping with the Arab intifada in the occupied territories. This has placed the Minister of Defence in a permanently exposed position. It is a post which Mr Shamir is no doubt content to leave to a political opponent, especially as

Mr Rabin is no soft-liner. Mr Peres holds the purse strings. To Israelis

the Ministry of Finance is the most powerful single post within the Cabinet. But, politically, it is a bed of nails.

The state of Israel's economy is critical, with half the budget going to service the national debt and Koor Industries, the largest industrial company in the region, on the brink of collapse. The plight of the large overmanned, state-run industries is matched only by that of the debt-ridden agricultural collectives.

Meanwhile the country's public facilities are in a mess, with long doctors' queues and hospital waiting lists reflecting a shortage of cash and poor management. His party will be expecting Mr Peres to pump money into these Labour institutions - especially as it has also been awarded the chairmanship of the parliamentary finance committee.

Mr Peres has also to hold the ring in the argument over Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. Officially the new coalition has agreed on a compromise to build up to eight of these (as opposed to the 40 which Likud wanted). But the Government will need money to build any.

Mr Peres made the economy one of his chief priorities when he was Prime Minister for the first two years of the last Government. He was successful at bringing inflation down from astronomical levels. The Labour leader was reluctant to place himself at the economic helm once more - but all Israel requires him to

Both parties can congratulate themselves on having avoided making concessions to the religious or right-wing parties which at first seemed to hold the balance between them. After some shameless wheeler-dealing in Jerusalem, they have shared out a package. They still have to show the electorate that the result was worth waiting for.

TOP DOGS IN DEFENCE

In the High Court in London yesterday, General Electric Company won an important legal point and moved one step nearer the creation of a pan-European defence electronics empire. In an unusual alliance, GEC and Siemens of West Germany are joining forces to bid £1.7 billion for Plessey. The legal challenge by Plessey centred on whether such a joint bid is uncompetitive.

Article 85 of the Treaty of Rome prohibits any industrial agreement likely to distort free competition. The court rightly declared that this was for the Commission to decide.

The joint takeover bid is most unwelcome in to Plessey and it will be fought and probably decided upon the relative skills of each company's advocates. The public argument is likely to revolve not so much about whether the concept of such a Euro-corporation is desirable or not, but on who would be calling

It is probable that appeals to nationalism will be made in much the same way as they were when Nestle of Switzerland bid for Rowntree of York. The Commission, it is to be hoped, will take a wider view.

There is no doubt that in the atmosphere of "1992" and the breaking down of internal barriers between Common Market member states, there will be other similar merger attempts. A growing consensus has emerged among business leaders that national companies within the relatively small economies of Western Europe are at a disadvantage when competing on the world stage.

The next stage in that train of thought has to be mergers, collaborations, joint ventures and other devices where the strengths of more than one company can be harnessed to compete with the big corporations of Japan and the United States. Inevitably, in most cases, that will lead to a reduction of competition.

If Plessey, for example, is half-owned by

GEC will it be allowed to compete in the same way with Marconi, a wholly-owned GEC subsidiary, as it does now? Whatever GEC may say, the answer must be, no. It may be that loss of domestic competition is a fair price to pay for international competitiveness. That is for the European Commission to decide.

The case for Euro-corporations is so far unproven. There are two strikingly successful Anglo-Dutch companies, Shell and Unilever, which have operated for decades. In each case. the operations are owned jointly by two distinct holding companies each with their own shareholders. They raise capital, when needed, from anywhere in the world.

On the other hand, the attempt to create a similar union between Dunlop of Britain and Pirelli of Italy nearly 20 years ago fell apart because the divisions between the managements left the union incapable of competing in the world tyre and rubber markets. Each side appeared to want to call the shots. The union was dissolved after massive losses which drove Dunlop into the hands of an industrial conglomerate and the British tyre industry into the hands of the Japanese.

In the true spirit of Europe, the nationality of the dominant partner ought to be irrelevant: what is important is the success which can be shared. Britain's largest can-maker, Metal Box. is happily going into a merger which will give control of its entire packaging operation to a French packaging company. The deal has many hurdles to overcome, not least convincing the Commission that it is not uncompet-

itive, but at least the parties to it are willing. If the Plessey bid fails it is likely to be because of Ministry of Defence concern that British influence in the defence electronics industry will be eroded. But if the Community is to do the best for all its members. Britain has to recognize that its companies cannot be top dog in all Euro-corporations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Putting eggs in other baskets

From the Superintendent of the South London Mission
Sir, The Minister of Agriculture has announced the destruction of 400 million eggs, following the salmonella scare (report, December 20). If eggs can be eaten safely, why aren't they treated like the EEC butter and beef mountains and given away to the poor?

As a centre for the distribution of free beef and butter we have hundreds of people on benefit quening at the doors of the South London Mission each month for free food. It is eagerly received. Or perhaps the eggs are not safe to eat? If so why are unsold eggs being sent to Armenia (report, December 14)? Yours sincerely, ROY C. ALLISON,

Superintendent Minister. South London Mission, The Central Hall, Bermondsey Street, SE1. December 19.

From Mrs Gillian Egan Sir, So, now we are to "donate" one million eggs to Armenia. Will they, too, carry cooking guidelines in line with those the Department of Health has issued here? Consumers of the eggs will doubtless include the elderly, the sick, pregnant women and babies. There is already concern that the earthquake and its aftermath will give rise to epidemics; surely survivors are not at their healthiest or most resistant to disease at this time.

Ynurs faithfully, GILLIAN EGAN (London Liaison Officer, The Vegetarian Society), 53 Marloes Road, Kensington, W8. December 14.

From Dr Irwin Joffe Sir, It is surprising that the egg manufacturers are now being rewarded by the Government (report, December 20) for loss of profits occasioned by their own cavalier attitude to the nation's

Why have there been no calls for the resignation of the Minister of Agriculture? Surely it is he whn is responsible for the total lack of actinn on the salmonella threat, despite the appreciable length of time he has known of it; yet only now, when profits from egg sales are threatened, has he seen fit to address the nation on the subject. Yours faithfully,

L JOFFE, 24 Hnlmwood Gardens, Finchley, N3.

From Mrs Gentian Walls Sir, The reason I am eating fewer eggs is because I just don't enjoy them well done. What pleasure is there in attacking a hard-fried egg? And my favourite salad dressing requires two raw eggs - I used to make it for all my family and friends.

I can't see how blaming Mrs to acmeve anything. Until the egg industry can give categoric assurance that raw eggs may be consumed with equanimity, their problems will remain. Yours faithfully GENTIAN WALLS,

Springfield House, Dunsfold, Surrey. December 16. From Sir Fred Hardman Sir, As a 74-year-old I am grateful

to Edwina Currie for probably saving my life - but my taxes will be used to compensate egg produc-ers for putting me at risk! Yours in complete lack of com-FRED HARDMAN, The Old Bakehnuse, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire.

House prices and RPI From Mr J. W. Talbot

December 17.

Sir, The suggestion made by Dr Jonathan Ramsay (December 5) that house prices be included in the RPI as an alternative to mortgage interest deserves further consideration.

The Chancellor's assertion that fluctuations in mortgage rates bear no resemblance to the underlying inflation trend is convincing. The increase in house prices, on the other hand, must have a significant bearing on wage demands, since housing is an essential item in living costs. It therefore seems unreasonable to compare wage demands with an RPI which takes no account of this factor. Ynnrs faithfully.

J. W. TALBOT. Spinneybrook, 15 Chancel Close, Norwich, Norfolk. December 5.

Tagging offenders From the General Secretary of the

Association of Chief Officers of Probation

Sir, You are right (leading article, November 28) in acknowledging that probation officers exercise discipline and control as integral parts of their work, along with personal concern and the use of social work methods. One reason why probation officers do not share the current fascination with electronic tagging is that it offers nothing that cannot be done much better through personal contact.

Another is a profound distaste for extending the idea of house arrest, so far associated only with repressive regimes or conditions of emergency, into something for everyday use with the general run of minor criminals. It is bad enough to have to send anyone to prison. Is it necessarily better to make his home a prison -

especially if, as the very limited American experience that is available shows, it is used mainly for low-risk offenders who would not be considered for imprisonment апуway?

The work of probation officers relies on developing whatever capacity a person has to behave as a responsible citizen within the law. In this it is not fundamentally different from the work of education, guidance, supervision, pastoral care or leadership in any sphere of human activity. To put an electronic tag on an

offender would be the most conspicuous expression of no confidence in that person's capacity for responsible behaviour. But in a situation where that is instified, the probation officer does not need a tag - he needs the police, or court process, or the revocation of a parole licence.

Winston Churchill's remark

Inadequacies in forensic medicine

ence of its members. The Metro-

training for their doctors for some time; other constabularies have

either followed suit or have ex-

pressed interest and it is likely that

courses will be organised nation-

ally for doctors involved in police

work in the hope of achieving at

least an acceptable and consistent

The other side of the coin has

received less attention; lawyers

whose clients have been charged

with vinlent offences are often at a

loss to know where to seek reliable

clinical forensic advice to enable

them to challenge allegations which may well be based no

medical opinions of dubious value, neither is it easy for the

courts to ascribe weight to differ-ing medical opinions in matters

We can no langer afford to

continue in this haphazard man-

ner. A proper academic base must be established to set and supervise

standards in this discipline. Other

specialties have graded qualifica-tions and I firmly believe that clinical forensic medicine must be

brought into line so that there will

be nbvious bench-marks whereby true professionalism may be estab-

lished and credibility credibly assessed to the advantage of all

(President, Section of Clinical Forensic Medicine),

story as a surviving relic of the old British class system and his treat-ment of the two partners is designed to show the democratic operation of the gentlemen's club.

A third, to my amazement (and

amusement!) on my play The Dame of Sark, wrote:

Mr William Douglas-Home, with his upper-class background, con-centrates on the relationship be-tween the Dame of Sark and the

nel Islands, Colonel Count vnn Schmettau, entirely at the expense of

the relationship between the Dame and her maid.

many, of a left-wing bias in the theatre, lead me to the conclusion

that a touch of right-wing com-

mon sense and farmess, as op-

posed to nnn-artistic prejudice in

certain quarters might be what the

WILLIAM DOUGLAS-HOME,

some 26 per cent have replied "should not".

Had Britain adopted a non-

highly unlikely that Gorbachov

rather than the hard-line Ro-

manny would have won the Soviet

leadership. No one can fhreteil

how long he will hold nn to it, yet

ons now must see us through for

In the meantime all the poll

evidence suggests that if Mr Biffen

wants the Conservatives to lose

the next general election, he is

going the right way about it by such ill-considered remarks.

theatre is looking for.

Kilmeston, Hampshire.

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the next 30 years.

Ynurs faithfully.

JULIAN LEWIS,

The Athenaeum,

Traffic troubles

From Sir James Richards

Sir. We have an excellent set of

rules for controlling kerb-side parking — yellow lines, double yellow lines, markings on the kerb

and so on - but the trouble is that

they are simply not enforced. Nn

action seems to be taken to put a

stop to long-term parking. I see the same vehicles parked on yellow

Since the Metropolitan Police

have more urgent tasks than

dealing with wrongly-parked ve-

bicles is there not a case for

creating a separate corps of traffic-

police, concerned only with traffic

movement and the control of

parking and equipped with powers

of arrest and enforcement not possessed by traffic wardens?

Is there not also a case for

forbidding central-area shops to

take deliveries of stock between

the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.? It

would provoke protests about working unsocial hours, but these

could be organized on a shift system. Banning such deliveries in

the daytime has made a notable

contribution to keeping traffic

moving in cities abroad and we

could well follow their example.

lines for hours at a time.

Pall Mall, SWt.

am. Sir. yours etc.

Derry House,

These three examples, out of

an Commander in the Chan-

The Royal Society of Medicine.

concerned.

Yours faithfully

NEVILLE DAVIS

I Wimpole Street, WI.

which may be highly technical.

level of efficiency.

politan Police have had in-house

From Dr Neville Davis Sir, The accelerating increase in violent crime in England and Wales reported in the latest Home Office Statistical Bulletin (December 15) prompts me to draw attention again to the widespread inadequacies of clinical forensic medical input to both the investigations which follow these offences and to the courts in subsequent trials.

There can now be no doubt that this work is a specialty requiring the acquisition of a considerable body of knowledge, skills and experience. Cleveland drew attention to this in a most dramatic way. Part of the problem is that apart from in the major cities there is insufficient call upon the services of doctors conducting forensic examinations on living subjects to justify the time and effort required to achieve that standard of efficiency demanded y postgraduate qualifications ich as the clinical category of the Diploma in Medical Jurisprud-

In the cities the volume of work undertaken for police forces has increased enormnusly, not only because of the actual increase in violent crime but also on account of the medical requirements im-posed on constabularies by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. Attempts are being made to improve the situation. The Association of Police Surgeons,

always striving to raise standards, is establishing a database to embody the considerable experi-

Bias in the arts

From Mr William Douglas-Home Sir, Lord Goodman's contention (December 10) that appointments in the arts are now restricted to people holding right-wing views was news to me.

Should it be true, however, though I would not like a closed shop, I am bound to say it would not break my heart to see a little right-wing leavening to balance what sometimes appears to be a touch of left-wing bias in the theatre. This manifests itself to me, of course, most notably through certain drama critics, who have plagued me down the years.

A glance at my press-cutting book informs me that Ken Tynan sometimes used to npen his reviews of my plays with the phrase "The Honnurable William tells us in Act One".

Another critic, writing of a play of mine about Rolls-Royce, wrote: He has apparently been drawn to the

Arms realities

From Dr Julian Lewis Sir, Mr John Biffen has just announced that Britain should consider abandoning all nuclear weapons in response to the advent of Gorbachov (report, December 16). A non-nuclear defence should not, he apparently feels, be the serve of the far left.

He is right to think that it is at the present: since October, 1985, my consultancy - Policy Research Associates - has commissioned no fewer than seven Gallup polls at regular intervals asking: "Do you think Britain should or should not continue to possess nuclear weapons as long as the Soviet Union has them?" Time and again some 67 per cent of those polled have answered "should", and nnly

Child survivors

From Mr Keith Rolles and Professor Sir Roy Caine, FRS Sir, We write with reference to the caption on your picture and article on December 15. The young man shown with Michael Crawford is claimed to be "Britain's youngest liver-transplant patient".

Liver transplantation in children has been performed on a regular basis in the United Kingdom since late 1983. Most of these cases have been performed at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, in conjunction with the Liver Unit at King's College Hospital, London.

The youngest patient in this programme underwent liver transplantation at seven months of age and is well and thriving more than one year later. In addition, nur records show a further 17 children currently alive whn underwent liver transplantation before their fourth birthdays. Yours faithfully, KEITH ROLLES,

R. Y. CALNE, University of Cambridge Clinical School. Department of Surgery Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road,

Cambridge

December 15.

29 Fawcett Street, SW10. about being able to judge the quality of a civilisation from the

J. M. RICHARDS

way it treats its convicted offenders would be visibly illustrated if tagging were to get a hold. Its strongest advocates, the manufacturers, make no secret of the fact that they see offenders as only the first group suitable for treatment. It could be used for the elderly, children, and other "at risk"

There is clearly a vision of an Orwellian world far removed from Mr Hurd's concept of "active citizenship", where it is not only probation officers who will be pushed to the sidelines of their business", as you put it with such apparent sang-froid.

Yours sincerely, BILL WESTON, General Secretary, Association of Chief Officers of Probation,

20-30 Lawefield Lane, Wakefield, West Yorkshire. December 9.

City schools in troubled waters

From Mr Lawrence Norcross Sir, The General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers is right to draw attention (December 14) in the wider implications of the affair at Highbury Quadrant school.

The last straw for many inner London heads who took early retirement during the past five years or so was the refusal of their employer to take effective action against a militant minority of staffroom disrupters.

The reluctance of most of these heads to state publicly their reasons for retirement compounded the problem by confirming the disrupters' belief in their invulnerability. On several occasions during my own tenure of headship, my concerns about the irresponsible conduct of a handful of teachers were not even acknowledged, let alone supported.

The present leader of Ilea is more pragmatic, less dogmatic, than his predecessor; and there-fore, in the current climate, more likely to support his nfficers and head teachers. But teacher mili-tancy in inner London has deep and poisonnus roots, as Mr Hart

has indicated. The new education authorities for inner London would do well in heed his warning. Failure to do so will leave responsible and con-cerned parents with no satisfactary alternative to voting to apply for grant-maintained status their children's schools

Ynurs faithfully, LAWRENCE NORCROSS, 3 St Nicholas Mansinn 6-8 Trinity Crescent, SW 17. December 14.

Dons' pay

From Lord Beloff Sir, The decisinn by the Association of University Teachers to embark upon the boycott of examinations (report, December t4) is the sad culmination of a process which many former members feared would begin when we resigned from the AUT when it sought affiliation to the TUC in

"Industrial actinn", a weapon of last resort for employees, is wholly inappropriate to members of a profession, whatever the reasons given. (And with some of the AUT case, particularly that relating to the "brain drain", I have much sympathy.)

At the time of the schism it was suggested that those unwilling to remain in the AUT should firm a new association which (like the very successful Professinnal Association of Teachers) would abnuclear stance during the inter-mediate nuclear forces debate it is jure any form of strike.

I hope that the majority of AUT " members who abstained from the recent ballot and those who voted against the proposed measure will now resign from the AUT and that there will be found among them enough young and determined leaders to set up a new pro-fessional body which my genera-tion, alas, failed to do. Yours truly,

BELOFF, House of Lords.

Student loans From Mr S. J. West-Oram

Sir, The concern that Dr Patterson (December t0) expresses for the financial welfare of his student is matched neither by his appreciatinn of the remedy nnr by his faith in the ultimate career possibilities for a student of mechanical engineering.

The 18-year-old adult student, cast adrift financially by his father, should turn to that next most ready provider of funds, his bank. There is no indignity in taking a loan - we have a relaxed attitude to borrowing money for trivial intangibles such as holidays and the banks are happy to provide the cash. How much more worth while it is to borrow money to fund a degree in mechanical

Dr Patterson's student should finance the rest of his course with a bank loan, thinking of it as an investment in himself. As a qualified professinnal engineer he will .; find that the return nn his investment will vastly exceed any interest made by the bank. Yours sincerely S. J. WEST-ORAM,

Durno Hnuse, Pitcaple, Aberdeen.

Hands off! From Sir Thomas Padmore

Sir, The surrender of British Rail to the silly fad for digital clocks has another substantial dis-advantage for the railway traveller, beyond the very real one mentioned by Lord Moyne (December 13).

One very often consults a 3 railway clock not so much to see the present time as to see how much time is left before one's train

"Proper" clocks show this at a glance. The less informative digital clock discloses it only at the cost of an operation in mental arithmetic — two operations if the interval goes past the hour.

If experience in shops is any guide, there are nowadays very many people who cannot do this sort of thing without the aid of a calculator.

Yours faithfully, T. PADMORÉ, 39 Cholmeley Crescent, Highgate, No.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 20: Mr. George Jenkins had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

Royal Victorian Order.

The Baptism of the Infant
Daughter of The Duke and
Duchess of York was administered at 3.30p.m. today at St.
James's Palace.

The Archhishop of York,

assisted by the Reverend Canon Anthony Caesar (Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, Deputy Clerk of the Closet, Sub-Almoner and Domestic Chap-lain to The Queen), baptised the Infant Princess, who received the names of Beatrice Elizabeth

The sponsors were: Viscount Linley, Mrs. Harry Cotterell, the Duchess of Roxburghe, Mrs. John Greenail and Mr. Peter

Mr. Richard Popplewell (Or-Mr. Richard Popplewell (Organist, Choirmaster and Composer at Her Majesty's Chapels Royal), Mr. Simon McGregor (Sub-Organist) and the Children and Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace were in strendame.

Royal, St. James 3 and a line in attendance.
The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P. (Prime Minister and First Lord of The Treasury) had an audience of The Queen

The Princess Royal, President, The Save The Children Fund, this evening attended the Fund's "Joy to the World" Concert at the Royal Albert Hall and was received by the Chairman (The Viscount Boyd of

The Hon. Mrs. Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement wish to apologise for incorrectly stating that the Right Rev W. Gordon Wheeler will soon be be celebrating his eightieth birthday. It is in fact not until May 5, 1990.

Anniversaries

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Births: Jean Racine, dramatist, La Ferté-Milon, France, 1639; Leopold von Ranke, historian. Wiehe, Germany. 1795; Sir Joseph Whitworth, Bt. mechanical surjectors. Stocknott 1803.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir John Ramsay Willis will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel today at

Mr Peter Edwards regrets that he will not be sending any Christmas cards this year but nevertheless wishes all his friends in the United Kingdom the compliments of the Season. Memorial service Sir Devid Trench

The Queen was represented by the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir David Wilson, KCMG, at a memorial service for Sir David Trench, GCMG, MC, DL, held at St John's Cathedral, Hong Birthdays today At St John's Cathedra, Hong Kong, on Saturday, December 17, 1988, Mr R E Holloway, CMG, Senior British Trade Commissioner, represented the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and and Commonwealth Albairs and HM Diplomatic Service. A passage from the Scripture was read by Dr George Choa Wing-sien, OBE, and the Enlogy was given CBE.

Jean Bromet, former quector, WRAF, 76; Lord Caccia, 83; Mr B.E.S. Collins, chairman, Nabisco Group, 65; Mrs Chris Evert, tennis player, 34; Miss Jane

Dy Miss Lyttle Pullit, CDC.
Those present included; Lady Wilson, Mr P Wilson and Mr A Wilson; Mrs Holloway, Sir Ti Liang (Chief Justice) and Lady Yang; Major General G D Johnson (Commander British Forces) and Mrs Johnson; Mr P Jacobs and Mrs Johnson; Mr P Jacobs and Mrs Johnson; Mr P Jacobs: members of the Executive and Jecobs: members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and Scalor Members of Government and the Judicistry.

Luncheon HM Government

The Secretary of State for the Home Department was host at a hrocheon beld vesterday at Lancaster House to mark the retirement of Dame Barbara
Sbenfield as Chairman of the
Women's Royal Voluntary Serwomen's Koyal Voluntary Service. Among those present were:
Professor Arthur Shenneld, the
Countrie of Limerich, Baroness
Trumpingion, Sir Matthew Farrer, Sir
Clive Whitmore, Mrs Mary Corsse, Mr
Emil Dina, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mp. Mr
Simon, Bowes Lyon, Major-General
Peter Leuchare, Mr will Siewart, Mr
Fermus Waish, Mr John Patten, MP,
Mrs B Fair, Mr W Hyde, Mr A Turney
and Mr R Whalley.

CLARENCE HOUSE December 20: Lady Angela Os-wald has succeeded Lady Eliza-beth Bassett as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen

KENSINGTON PALACE December 20: The Prince of Wales opened Bridge Park (for-merly the Stonebridge Bus Ga-rage Project), Harlesden. Subsequently His Royal

Highness, Patron-in-Chief, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, vis-ited the Institute of Indian Culture in its 50th Anniversary year at Castletown Road, West Kensington Major Christopher Lavender

and Mr. Gerald Ward were in

attendance.
This afternoon The Prince of Wales visited the Department of Medical Electronics at S Bartholomew's Hospital, EC1. Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance. YORK HOUSE

December 20: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, today received Brigadier M.I.E. Scott on assuming the appointment of Regimental Lieutenant Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel

M.G.L. Whiteley on relinquishing the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Commanding.

The Duchess of Kent this
afternoon unveiled a plaque to
mark the 30th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Order of Franciscan Friars in England at the St. Francis Friary, London SW1 and later attended a Christmas Celebration at Westminster Cathedral in aid of the Wishing Well Appeal.
Mrs. Peter Wilmot-Sitwell

Joseph Whitworth, Bt. Inechant-cal engineer, Stockport, 1803; Benjamin Disraeli, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield, prime minister 1868, 1874-80, London, 1804; Archibald Campbell Tait, Archhishop of Canterbury 1869-82, Edinhurgh, 1811; Joseph Stalin, general secretary of the Com-munist Party of the Soviet Union 1922-53, Gori, Georgia, 1879.

Deaths: Giovanni Boccaccio. Certaldo, Italy, 1375; Catherine of Braganza, queen consort of Charles II, Lisbon, 1705; James Parkinson, physician, London, 1924; F Scott Fitzgerald, nov-elist, Hollywood, 1940; George Patton, general, Heidelberg, Germany, 1945; Gladys Ripley, contralto, Chichester, 1955.

Sir Robert Armitage, former governor, Cyprus, 82; Mr Alexander Bennett, chairman, Whitbread Investment Com-

Today's royal engagement

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince of Wales dent of the Prince of Wates Advisory Group on Disability, will receive representatives of the London Spinal Unit, Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, and of ASPIRE, their support group, at St James's Palace at 10.30.

and Miss F.E.R. I nom
The engagement is announced
between Julian, youngest son of
Sir John and Lady Wills, of
Langford Court, Langford, Bristol, and Fiona, eldest daughter
of Mr and Mrs T.R. Thom, of
The Forge, Lower Langford,
Priestol. Mr M. May and Miss M. Degdale A marriage has been arranged between Marcus, son of Colonel and Mrs R.K. May, and Matilda, daughter of Sir William Dugdale and the late Lady Belinda Dugdale.

75; Commandant Dame
Bromer, former director,
F, 76; Lord Caccia, 83; Mr
Collins, chairman, Nabisoup, 65; Mrs Chris Evert,
player, 34; Miss Jane
Powell, of Kenilworth, Fonda, actress, 51; Mr G.P. Hughes, tennis player, 86; Sir Frederick Lawton, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 77, Mr Geoff Lewis, raceborse trainer, 53; Mr W.M.M. Milligan, former prin-cipal, Wolsey Hall, Oxford, 81; cipal, Wolsey Hall, Oxford, 31;
the Most Rev John Murphy,
former Archbishop of Cardiff,
83; Sir John Nabarro, consultant physician, 73; Mr Steve
Perryman, footballer, 37; Mr
Anthony Powell, CH, author,
83; Flight Lieutenant W. Reid,
VC, agricultural consultant, 67;
Mr T.L. Robinson, honorary
vice-president DRG, 76; Brigadier V.M. Rooke, former direcdier V.M. Rooke, former direc-tor, Army Nursing Services, 64; Mr Walter Spanghero, rugby player, 45; Mr Greville Starkey, jockey, 49; Mr Peter Tinnis-wood, author, 52; Mr James Tye director-general British Tye, director-general, British Safety Council, 67; Dr Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria,

Farm Cottage, Wendover, Buck-inghamshire. Captain R.A. Charrington and Miss M.A. Davies and Miss M.A. Davies
The engagement is announced hetween Captain Ricbard Charrington, 9th/12th Royal Lancers, son of Major and Mrs G.A. Charrington, of Layer Marney Tower. Colchester, Esex, and Mary Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.V.C. Davies. of Whatley House, Frome, Somerset. Archaeology

Nation shall speak unto nation

More than three thousand archaeologists from five continents will assemble in Baltimore next month for the largest

archaeological congress ever held.
Indonesia, the USSR and Estonia,
one of its Baltic republics, the Philippines, Australia and South Africa are among the countries from which specialists in prehistory, classical and historical archaeology will converge on the convention centre for four days of scholarly exposition and discussion. British scholars will play a prominent

part, with the universities of Cambridge, Oxford, London, Sheffield, Liverpool, St Andrews and Bradford represented. From Cambridge, specialists in Egyptology, Mesopotamian studies, classical archaeology, European prehistory and art history are taking part, while the Oxford contingent are mainly in the chassical field.

The Scottish Institute of Maritime Studies at St Andrews is contributing a paper on the gunnery of the Spanish Armada, and other British interests are being dealt with by American archaeolo-gists, including the study of Royal Navy ships lost off Bermuda and Delaware in the eighteenth century, and the morphology of seventeenth and eigh-teenth century English wine bottles as a

guide to chronology.

The meeting, designated the First
Joint Archaeological Congress, is being
organized by the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) and the American Philological Association, the main societies concerned with Greek and Roman scholarship, the American Schools of Oriental Research, which conduct operations in the Middle East, from Egypt to Iran, and the Society for Historical Archaeology, of archaeolo-

Sir John McEwen, Bt and Lady Vivienne Haig

Mr J.R.V. Wills and Miss F.E.R. Thom

Mr K.J. Balfour

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and Miss C.K. Jennett

and Miss A.F.W. Powell

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The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr Colin

Bauer, of Ripley, Surrey, and

Mrs Peter Van Den Bergh of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Claire, daughter of Mr Frederick Jennett, CBE, and Mrs Jennett,

The engagement is announced between Timothy Sean, elder

son of Mr and Mrs D.S. Boxell, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Diana Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J. Horrocks, of

Hemingford Grey, Cambridge-

The engagement is announced between Robin, younger son of Mr and Mrs B.H.C. Budenberg, of Lower Peover Hall, Cheshire,

and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L.P. Purcell, of Hale

Mr T.S. Boxell and Miss D.M. Horrocks

Mr R.F. Budenberg and Miss J.P. Purcell

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of the late Sir Robert McEwen, Bt, and Lady McEwen, of Marchmont, and Vivienne, younger daughter of the Earl Haig of Benteride and Advictors County

Bemerside and Adrienne Count-

gists working on the Colonial and later periods in the United States and its The congress will open on January 6 with addresses from Dr James Deetz.

one of the world's leading historical archaeologists, and Dr James Wiseman, President of the AIA, on "Archaeology and the Past", and end four days later with a similar plenary session on "Archaeology in the Future". The AlA's magazine Arckaeology, which has a circulation of more than

100.000, will simultaneously look into the 21st century with a special double issue on "Archaeology in 2050". Among the many topical issues at the

congress is the question of archaeology and public education: speakers will discuss working with schoolchildren in St Louis, Manhattan, and Ohio, and dic participation in archaeology in San Diego and Toronto. Relationships between the past and

the modern world emerge in papers on the evidence for bulimia — the eating disorder — in antiquity, by Jody Rubin Pinault of the University of Pennsylvania, and a linguistic analysis of New England gravestones of the colonial period, by Robert K Fitts of Brown University. Peter S Briggs of Utah State Univer-sity will talk about United States Army

mortuary practices and their relevance ology and the Custer battlefield at the Little Bighorn is the subject of another presentation, by Douglas D Scott of the National Park Service, and the Civil War is examined through excavation of Confederate entrenchments at Nashville, Tennessee, by Carl Kuttruff of Louisiana State University.

Mr J.H. Ward and Miss J.E. Southwell

Mr S.M. Watson and Miss S.L. Cockell

Marriages

Mr M. Lee and Miss K. Kanl

The engagement is announced between Julian, eldest son of Dr

and Mrs Haydn Ward, of Clare Lodge, Ashtead, Surrey, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Southwell, of Wistaston, Cheshire.

The engagement is announced between Simon Mark, eldest son

of Mr and Mrs Andrew Watson,

of Faidonside, Meirose, Rox-burghshire, and Susan Louise,

second daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Cockell, of Hill Har-bour House, Hellingly, East

Mr P.R. Figgins and the Hon Mrs S.R.J. Foster

The marriage took place quietly in London on December 20, between Mr Peter Figgins and Mrs Sally Foster.

and Miss K. Kani
The marriage took place on
Saturday, December 17, 1988, at
Marylebone Register Office, of
Mr Martin Lee, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Dennis Lee, of Orpington, Kent, and Miss Kalyani
Kaul, only daughter of Mr
Mahendra Kaul, OBE, and Mrs
Rajni Kaul, of St John's Wood,
London Mr Shiy Kaul and Mr

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The bride was attended by

Michelle Simpson, Daniella and

Michelle Hacems, Marissa

Clarke, Natasha Saraf, Shaniah and Zarina Bart, and Emma

Munro. The best man was Robert Holman.

A luncheon reception was held st the Viceroy of India

Restaurant, Glentworth Street, London, NWI, and was fol-lowed by an evening reception at the Middle Temple Hall,

London EC4, the honeymoon is

Mr H.J.H. Lonsdale and Miss C.J.N. Cochrane The marriage took place in Edinburgh on December 17. 1938, of Hugh Lonsdale, of Amport, Hampshire and Hong Kong, and Catriona Cochrane, of Edinburgh.

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 17, at St

Aldate's Church, Oxford, of Dr

Aldate's Church, Oxford, of Dr Mark Thomas, younger son of Major and Mrs Malcolm Thomas, of Farnham, Surrey, and Dr Sally Carolyn Cox, younger daughter of Mrs Peggy Cox and the late Mr J. Cox, of Ipswich, Suffolk. Canon D.R. MacInnes officiated, assisted by the Rev Moray Thomas.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr John Roe, was attended by Miss Julie Cox. Dr John Roe was best man.

John Roe was best man.

A reception was beld nt the Randolph Hotel, Oxford.

being spent in the Far East.

Mr H.J.H. Lonsdale

Dr M.G.S.R. Thomas and Dr S.C. Cox

Colin Lee were witnesses.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.N. Dawson and Miss J. Roxborough Bunce

and Miss J. Roxborough Bunce
The engagement is announced
between Guy, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Derek Dawson, of
Fisher's Pond, Winchester, and
Janine Roxborough, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard
Bunce, of Shepperton, Middlesex. The marriage will take place
in London on Acril 20, 1990

in London on April 29, 1989.

Mr R.E.F. Horley and Mrs A.S. Salter The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place

in February, between Mr Rob Horley, of Sandhurst, Kent, and

Mrs Ann Saher (née Guinness), of Richmond, Surrey.

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of the late

Mr Neil Iliff and of Mrs Iliff, of Fulham, London and Orford,

Suffolk, and Monica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jerome Dessain, of Rozel, Jersey.

The engagement is announced between Alistair, only son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Kirkwood, of

Grays, Essex, and Mary Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alasdair Kennedy, of Pollok-

The engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.S.C. Paine, of

Cheitenham, Gloucestershire, and Margaret Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H.H.

Kirmond, of Retford, Notting-

Lieuteaant D.J. Price, RN and Miss M.T. Gallagher The engagement is announced between David John, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Price, of Millherna Wood House Devres

Millborne Wood House, Dorset,

and Marian Teresa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Gallagher, of Fawley, Bucking-

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr

John C.Q. Roberts, of Chelsea, and Mrs Dinah Oldham, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire,

and Selina, daughter of Lieuten-ant Commander Simon K.

Grove, RN. and Mrs Grove, of

and Miss V.M. Trotter
The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between Captain Nicbolas Thomas, The Queens Own Hussars, son of Major T.J. Thomas, of Hey House, Heytesbury, Wiltshire, and of Mrs Simon Clarke, of Kingsettle Farmhouse, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Victoria, daughter of Major and Mrs W.K. Trotter, of The Deanery, Staindrop, Darlington, County Durham.

Mr S.T. Roberts

and Miss S.M. Grove

Captain N.J. Thomas

and Miss M.A. Kennedy

and Miss M.A. Kirmond

Mr C.I.P. Hiff and Miss M.J. Dessain

Mr A. Kirkwood

shields, Glasgow.

Among the highlights of the congress, and continuing the Civil War theme, will be an entire session on the investigation of the USS Monitor, the American iron warship, which has been examined by three-dimensional acoustic imaging. Structural and corrosion surveys sug-gest the ship, sunk of Savannah, Georgia, is too fragile to lift.

Underwater archaeology, one of the new branches of the subject, will be widely represented in Baltimore, with Konstantin Shilik from the Institute of Archaeology in Leningrad and Auts Parna from the Estonian State maritime Museum talking about discoveries in the USSR.

Prehistoric wrecks in the Mediterranean, the clipper ship Snow Squall, and even two British men-o'-war, HMS Vixen and HMS DeBraak, sunk off Bermuda and Delaware respectively, are among the other topics, and underwater archaeologists from Israel, Sweden, Greece, France and the Pacific region will also be contributing their recent research.

The reports from southeast Asia, the Philippines and Indonesia will be among the first archaeological presentations in the US from these areas.

More than 150 sessions will be packed into the four days of what the programme calls "this extraordinary conference": archaeologists from comtries that hardly speak at the United Nations will be exchanging data and ideas in the professional amity, and protests such as those which affected the "Warld Archaeological Congress" in Southampton in 1986 (when the banning of South African archaeologists led to the withdrawal of many participants) are not expected to occur.

New Bishop of Sodor and Man



An opponent of women priests is to be the next bishop of Sodor and Man (the Isle of Man). The Ven Noel Debroy Jones, aged 55, above, present Chaplain of the Fleet and Archdeacon for the Royal Navy, will take up the post in the summer.

Archdeacon Jones, who is an honorary chaplain to the Queen, says the present debate on women priests "is too much involved with the feminist movement rather than theologi-

Born in Monmouthshire, he served as a priest in South Wales and Nigeria before joining the Royal Navy in 1962. He holds general service medals for Brunei, Borneo and Southern Ara-bia. He is married with a son and a daughter.

Deputy Chief Justice The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, has appointed Lord Jus-

tice Watkins VC, the scriber presiding judge for England and Wales, as his formal deputy.

The new post of deputy chief justice is being created to assist Lord Lane with the increased dministrative workload arising from the Royal Courts of Justice and on the circuits.

His invitation to Lord Justice Watkins, 70, senior presiding judge since 1983 and a Lord Justice of Appeal since 1980, is n personal one and does not affect the precedence of the judges. He will continue both as senior presiding judge and with his work in the Court of Appeal.

Latest wills

Mr John Percival Todd, of Axbridge, Somerset, left estate valued at £493,523 net. He left Valuet at \$493,323 loct. He set £15,625 and effects to personal legatees, £50,000 for gastro-scopie or pain relief equipment at Weston General Hospital, Weston-super-Mare, and the residue to Axbridge Parochial Charities

Mrs Sylvia Joan Cecile Grant-Dation, of Brodsworth Hall, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, who had lived there for more than 70 years and became a celebrity after her appearance in Lucinda Lambton's television documentary The Great North Road, left estate valued at £347,076 net.

Lady Herbert, of London W6, widow of Sir Alan Herbert, author, wit and MP, left estate valued at £83,356 net. Mr Ralph Holmes Vernon-

Hunt, of Richmond, Surrey, a former deputy chairman of Pan Books, left estate valued at £212,106 net.

Mr William Alan Barker, of Richmond, Surrey, former headmaster of University Coll-ege School, Hampstead, left estate valued at £197,798 net. Mr Hubert Walters Batchelar, of King's Langley, Hertfordshire, solicitor, left estate valued at £1,271,516 net

Grace Annie Rawlings, of Pennsylvania, Exeter, Devon, former clinical psychologist at Univer-sity College Hospital, London, left estate valued at £354,928

Mr Graham Lewis Tindle, of Hampstead, London, left estate valued at £100,631 net. He left his entire estate to the Middlesex Hospital to benefit Aids and HIV positive patients. Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Trow-

bridge Mason, of Hurstpier-point, West Sussex, Engineer-in-Chief of the Fleet 1953-57, left estate valued at £95,267 net. Mrs Evelyn Harpur Moore, of Netherseal, Derbyshire, left estate valued at £1,038,385 net.

Mrs Yvonne Frances Johnson, of London NW8, left estate valued at £1,027,841 net.

Glass was certainly one of ish diplomats of his generapart, indeed some colleagues felt he physically resembled Ernest Bevin. With a rumbus-tious, somewhat Dickensian

fully

age of 77.

laugh and large girth, he was the least pompous of envoys and could be blunt and straightforward in argument whenever roused to some-thing he believed in or felt the case was going by default. He was a versatile man and as his single published book,

The Changing of Kings — Memories of Burma 1934-1949 (where he had first served an equally unconventional apprenticeship for the Foreign Service before the Second World War) showed clearly he was a very funny and entertaining writer.

Glass found his talents well suited to the changed and changing post-war world where diplomacy assumed increasingly a public relations dimension. No longer could Britain assume a take-it-or-leave-it attitude and that other nations would either understand London's stance or feel ohliged to heed it if they did not. A key aspect of information matters which Glass also dealt with was their role in Fast-West relations.

He served from 1953 Head of the Information Division, the British Middle East Office, going to Cyprus to be on the staff of Lord Harding at the time of the Suez crisis. Here he concentrated on information work and disinformation work as well. Faced with most of the world being against the British stance, Glass tried to justify our intervention.

With the Suez problem still echoing and making things difficult with the Americans, Glass was sent in 1957 to become Counsellor and Consul-General in Washington, being given charge as Direc-tor-General of the British Information Services in the at the Embassy from 1959-61. first marriage.

OBITUARIES SIR LESLIE GLASS

Expert at putting Britain's case Sir Leslie Glass, KCMG, who

These were also the difficult combined a career as a dip- years when the Americans suspicions about Kim Philby, lomat which ranged successand the general reliability of from ambassadorial their British ally's intelligence posts in difficult places to services, mounted steadily. explaining the British case Just how aware Glass was of through the information ser-Philby's activities will probvices to an often critical world. died on December 17, at the ahly never be known.

After periods as an Assistant Under-Secretary of State the most unconventional Brit- at the Foreign Office and as British Ambassador to Romation; he did not even look the nia between 1965-67 Glass went to the United Nations to be Ambassador and Deputy Permanent UK Repre- . sentative. He served under Lord Caradon, who as Minister of State for UN Affairs, was a member of the Cahinet. Glass was thus the senior professsional diplomat in the mission, but working in tandem cannot always have been easy for him.

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His last posting came in 1969 as High Commissioner to Nigeria, where he proved highly successful before retiring in 1971.

Glass was one of the postwar entrants to the diplomatie service from the Indian Civil Service in 1947. But the earlier experiences he brought with him were undoubtedly crucial to his subsequent career. Though his view of pre-war Burma did not tally with that portrayed hy another expatri-ate Briton of the time, George Orwell, in Burmese Days, Glass did see life in the raw as a warden in the oilfields and the problems of industrial

When war broke out in Asia Glass was recruited for the Far Eastern bureau of the Ministry of Information and then quickly became involved in psychological warfare, targetted on preventing the Burmese looking to the Japanese as liberators from the Europeans. He himself had to make an adventurous escape after the Japanese advance.

At the war's end he was Secretary of the Information Department of the Government of Burma. His first post in the Foreign Service was as a first secretary in Rangoon.

Glass was educated at Bradfield, Trinity College, Oxford, and at the School of Oriental Studies of London University. He is survived by his second

wife, Betty, whom he married US and Information Minister in 1957 and by two sons of a

GEOFFREY DOLLIMORE Development of British air-launched

nuclear weapons Mr Geoffrey Percival development of a specialized bollimore, CBE, FRAeS, who strategic nuclear weapon sys-

died on December 6 at the age tem structure - codenamed of 64, was one of the Hunting Blue Danube — to be carried by the RAF's force of "V" able and far-seeing directors bombers. who contributed significantly to its diversification and expansion in the aircraft, defence, military communications and electronics fields during his 36 years' service with the Group.

He was involved in some of the most promising missile programmes of the 1950s and 1960s, many of which, alas, fell victims to government cuts, as Britain gradually gave up ambitions to be among the world leaders in missile technology.

Geoffrey Dollimore was born m Hampstead, London, in 1924. He went to school at New Barnet in north London before studying at the Barnet Technical Institute. In 1940 he entered an apprenticeship at the de Havilland Aircraft Company, Hatfield.

He was an early, if junior,

member of the DH Comet design team. Having passed the Society's examinations he became a graduate in 1950. He joined Hunting in 1952 and rose to be Senior Designer responsible for the rotor hub design off the Percival P74 tip-jet driven helicopter.

After studying the future of rotary-wing and other direct-lift devices, he transferred in 1956 to the Weapons Research Department of Hunting Aircraft where he was responsible for the design and a son and a daughter.

He also became involved in the structural design of other systems such as tactical nuclear weapons system, "Red Beard" for the Canberra and later the Buccaneer air-craft, and "Blue Steel", the UK's intended air delivered ! stand-off weapon system.

In 1957, the Weapons Research Division of Hunting Aircraft became a separate company and was named Hunting Engineering Ltd, with Dollimore becoming Chief Research Engineer (Weapons).

In 1970, Geoffrey Dollimore joined the Board of **Hunting Associated Industries** plc, the parent company of Hunting Engineering Ltd, and was appointed CBE for services to export. His foresight and leadership led Hunting Engineering into receiving a string of major research, development and manufacturing contracts from the UK Ministry of Defence.

It was his strong desire to complement the Group's defence interests by expanding into the electronics field, a wish he fulfilled with the formation, in 1988, of a new sub-group, named Hunting Electronics Ltd. of which he was chairman. He leaves a widow, Barbara,

MURIEL MARTIN-HARVEY Theatre in the blood Muriel Martin-Harvey, only passenger was Signor Mar-

daughter and sole surviving child of the actor-manager Sir John Martin-Harvey and his wife Nina de Silva, died on December 15, 1988, at Northwood, Middlesex, aged 97. She was born in London on October 4, 1891. An exceptionally beautiful

woman, with spectacular colouring - auburn hair and blue eyes - her early ambitions pointed towards the musical; but, falling in with her father's wishes, she made her career in the legitimate theatre.

She made her dehut on 11 July, 1911, as a Servant in her father's production of Maeterlinck's drama Pelleas and Melisande at the Lyceum. This play was a great favourite of Martin-Harvey's, who presented it many times and whose own performance as Pelleas much impressed Maeterlinck.

Her stage career lasted for the next 28 years. In 1916 she went to Amer-

ca as Cyril Maude's leading lady, and when, returning independently in 1917, she was the only woman travelling on a troop ship with thousands of American soldiers. The only other non-military 1939

because of German threats to kidnap him; he became her: companion and shield in these unusual circumstances. She married three times. By

Ronald Squire, ber first hus-band, she had a daughter, who survives her; she was subsequently married another actor, Garry Marsh, with whom she toured in Australia, and finally Anthony Huntly-Gordon, who was for 25 years Company Manager of The Mousetran. Though she did make two-

British films in 1916 and. Charlie Chaplin had thoughts of working with her in Hollywood - a suggestion which was not realised - she stuck to the stage. Charley's Aunt and Barrie's Quality Street were among the plays which provided her with favourite roles.

When in 1930, she and her brother Michael were both in her father's season at the Savoy, both acted under pseudonyms to avoid accusations that casting was a family affair. She played under the name of "Susan Marsh."

on the outbreak of war in



SCIENCE REPORT Our relations, the lungfish

Newly discovered specimens of fossil fish from Australia are so well preserved that it is hard to believe that they are over 360 million years old. These fish specimens, described by John Long of the University of Tasmania in the latest issue of the Zoological Journal of the Lineau Society, are so pristing Linnean Society, are so pris that the laws can be moved up and down on the rest of the skull.

Most fossils are found squashed flat, making lifelike reconstructions very difficult — perfect preservation in three dimensions is rarely granted to researchers. But this wish is granted often to those who study the superh fish fossils from Gogo Station in a remote part of Western Australia. And this is especially important because many of the Gogo species are of an extinct group of fish called placoderms, which were so different from fish today that it is almost impossible to base good placederm reconstructions on modern fish forms. The excellent preservation of the Gogo fossils has led to some

controversy; this centres on lungfish, also found at Gogo.

Most of these fossils were

collected during the 1960s by the

late Harry Toombs of the Natural History Maseum in London, working with David Ride of the Maseum of Western Australia

the fossils are found inside limestone nodules; Toombs pioneered a way of using acetic acid to dissolve the limestone and expose the fossil bone.

In 1977, the palaeontologist Roger Miles described langfish skulls from Gogo in the Zoological Journal of the Lineau Society. Brian Gardiner of London University, who rates Gogo as one of the most important fossil sites in the world, noticed that the Gogo lampfish

noticed that the Gogo lungfish skulls described by Miles showed evidence of internal nostrils; the excellent preserva-tion of the skulls convinced him that what he saw were real structures, and not just boles caused by damage to the bones. internal mostrils are usually thought of as a distinguishing characteristic of land vertebrates, so it seemed that lungfish and land vertebrates were more closely related than previously thought. Many palaeoutologists expressed dis may, as this ran counter to many accepted ideas about the evolution of land animals from fish. The fury of the subsequent debate continues to appear in-comprehensible to outsiders. It

was fuelled in 1981, when Gardiner and his colleagues at the British and American Muse-

ide of the ums of Natural History set out Australia their views in the Bulletin of the tants. All American Museum of Natural

History, that we are much more closely related to lungfish than many were willing to admit.

These views harked back to pre-Darwinian ideas in which lungfish were classified as amphibians, along with frogs and newts. Theories based on reconstruction from fossile exreconstruction from fossils ecreconstruction from fossile eclipsed these ideas until they were resurrected by Gardiner and his colleagues. Many researchers criticised this now-notorious paper on technical grounds. One of these was that internal nostrils are very hard to see in modern handful. see in modern lungfish, even if they can be seen in fossil longfish and land vertebrates.

and birds are much more closely related than anyone suspected This radical idea has met with little acceptance generally, but the debate surrounding it has revitalised palaeontology. "It doesn't matter if we were

Henry Gee

Gardiner extended his ideas the next year to embrace every major group of land vertebrate, and concluded that mammals

wrong", says Gardiner, commenting on the efforts of himself and his close colleagues: the main thing was to have instilled a new spirit of excitement into a discipline seen by many as stuffy and old-fashioned.

coni, travellingly secretly.

She retired from the stage

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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BIRTHS

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BAKER CANER: On December 19th, at The Friends, Northallerion, to Corest and William, a ton Corest.

BERSTEAD - On December 18th peacefully in Warwick Houselal, By san May Coxyra aged 32 years, Scienced wife of the late Captain Charles Richard Sanstead RN, Dear by loved mother of Many and Jack.

Creating and William, a ton Corest.

Beautiful Additional Company of the Properties 17th Company of the Captain Company of the Captain Company of the Captain Cap BAKER RAKER - On December 19th, at The Friarage, Northallerton, to Sarah and William, a son, George Henry, a brother for Harriet. BALOGUM-LYNCH - On December
18th 1988, at the Portland Hospital,
London, to Julia (nés Editories) and
Christopher, a son, Joshua Charles
Rithmer, Gotherents; Mr and Mrs
John Roberts QC. Major and Mrs
John Gillman. Singapore to Charlotte Order Elborne) and Julian Beare. a daughter. BRADFORD - On December 19th 1988 to Nicky and Andie, a son. BROWNE - On December 18th, to Pan and Cavam, a daughter. BUNYARD - On November 26th. in London, to Leonore (nee Jones) and John, a son, Benedict Thomas Egerton, BURICLL - On December 17th, at the Portland Hospital, to Edizabeth (née Pugh) and Justin, a beautiful daughter, Angharad Elizabeth, MIRELING - On December 19th, to Marian (née Ginne) and Julian, a son, Hugh, a brother for Felicity and Philip.

138/139 East Reach, Taunion.

BEDGES On December 18th 1988, in Folicions. Major James Louis Bridges M.B.E., aged 67 years. Princips M.B.E., aged 67 years. Princips M.B.E., aged 67 years. Princips and the service at Hoty Trinsity Course, Folistone on Thursday December 22nd at 11.50am foliowed by cremation to the Hawkings. Folistone only but donations if desired to British Legion. c/o Mr. March. 4 The Bayle. Folistone, will be actuowledged.

BRITTEN On December 20th, peacsfully to LO.W. Private Hoggital, Newport. Robin Colville. Cremation private. No flowers but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund. 44 Lincolns inn Fields. London, WC2. A service of thanksgiving will be held at a later date.

CAPEL On December 18th 1988. CARR - On December 18th, to Stephanie (nie Patton) and David, a daughter, Neille Maria Hallett, a sister for Hayley. CHANGERY - On December 17th 1988 to Juliet (née Belaam) and Simon, a CROSS - On December 14th 1988 in Susan (née White) and John. a son, Jonathan Edward. FLIMT - On December 11th, to Cella (nee Lunt) and Simon, a daughter Buth Katharine, a sister for Sem. FREMILIM.REY - On December 19th, to Virginia (nie Neckar) and Jeremy, a son Edward, a brother for William.

GOEDHUIS · On December 19th, to Lawa and Johnnie, a son. HENDERSON RUSSELL On Decamber 20th at St Thomas' Hospital to Amanda (née Crouch) and Jain, a son. Alexander James. Hill. - On December 19th, at Royal Gloucester Hospital, in Penelope (née Newman) and David, a sister for Sophie and Amy.

HORN - On December 17th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Michelle (née Dunne) and Lindsty, a daughter Sophie Alexandra. JEWSON - On December 20th in Georgina and Edward, a daughter. ONES - On December 16th to Lena (née Trautmann) and Simon, a daughter, Emma Hothy. LE QUESNE - On December 19th 1988. Jersey, to David and Kathryn (née Bail), a daughter. MACLEOD - On December 13th, in Penny and Rory, a son Alexander John Peter, a brother for Miranda.

MORCAN - On December 15th at the West London Hospital to Catherins (née Morgan) and Robert a son Chris-topher George. PALMER - On December 19th, to Anne (née Culdwell) and David, a daughter, Rebecca Katharine POPPLEWELL - On December 16th in Debra (née Lomas) and Andrew a daughter, Anna Katherine.

PORTER · On December 3rd 1988, in Amanda (née Pinto) and Cheries, a Amenda (née Pinto) and Cheries, a son, William John Spencer, RICKWAN On December 19th, in Rose and Stephen, a son, Douglas Peter, a brother for Olivia and

THOMSON . On December 19th to Tina and William, a daughter Alice. Tina and Wallann, a daughter Alica.

VALLANCE: On December 15th, to Anna (née Green) and Matthew, a daughter Lucy.

WAY - On December 19th 1969; et Heronswood, Herne Bay, Kent, Jean (née Campbell) aged 77 years, formerly of Askett, Princes Risbarough, Bucks, Much loved mother of Jill and grandmother of James and Alistair, Funeral service and cremenon takes place at Barham Cremetorium nees Canterbury on Friday December

Canterbury on Friday December 23rd at 3-00pm. Enquiries to A Welch & Sons tel: (0227) 374995. WETHERED - On December 17th in Colleen (née Ruane) and Tont, a sort,

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

ROCCINCCIOLL COMEN. On December 21st 1963. At Caxton Hall London. Sesto to Ani.a august I. From Sandra and Russ

DEATHS BALL. On December 17th, peacefully at home. Nesta, widow of Stanley George Ball and much loved mother of Michael, Anthony, John and Rosemary and all her grandchildren. Funeral Friday December 25rd at St. James' Church, Yarmouth, lale of Wight at 12.30 pm.

Christie's is negotiating com-pensation with a vendor who,

after seeing a pair of chairs fetch £3,200 at the auction

house's South Kensington

branch in July, subsequently watched helpless as they re-

sold for £82,000 at Sotheby's

The incident comes at a

time when the professional obligations of anctioneers

regarding catalogue attribu-tions are under scrutiny

following a court case when Messenger May Baverstock,

the Godalming auctioneers, were ordered to pay £100,000

damages for failing to identify

two paintings subsequently

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that before the Christie's sale,

they had been in a dealer's

shop in Westbourne Grove,

west London. The new owner,

who bid on the telephone, has

ON THE RECORD

not been identified.

last month.

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BOOLEY-SCOTT - On December 17th 1989 peacefully in Cuckfield Hospital. Atheistatte, husband of Pameta and father of Junes and Sam. Crematorium, Worth, Samet on Wednesday December 28th 4 1.30ms. No flowers pieme. Enquiries in R.A. Brooks and son, Haywards Heath .Tel: (0444) 454591.

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BRANTOM - On December 20th 1988, beneficially at Masgrove Park Hospital. Taumion, Robert (Bob), aged 72 years, dearly loved brother of Bahs. Funcrai takes hace at Taumion Deare Crematorium on Wednesday December 28th at 2.50pm. Either flowers or domations if desired for the Somerast County Scouts Association may be sent to Measus & White & Sons Ltd., Funcrai Directors, 138/139 East Reach, Taunion.

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Russell Dashwood and destry lowed
mother of Peter. Angela and Michele.
Funeral sevice at Pulney Vale
crematorism on 22nd December at
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Well Appeal for Greet Ormond Street.
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London. WCIN 3472.

London, WCIN 3812.

BORONOE On October 31st 1988, after a lengthy liness at Lions Gate Hospital. Jame McCregor aged 76, formerly of Laurieston. Fallskir: Suitonak, Ayrabher: Irving, Ayrabher: Abdan. South Iran: Montreal and Valleyfield. Quebec and Othawa. Ontario. Beloved wife of Alex S. Donokhoe of North Vancouver. B.C. and mother of David and Gregor, mother-in-law of Carol Embury and Barbara Jackson. Grandmother of Taylor. Ashley. Andrea. Skye, Heather and Corrine Jane

Epsidono - On December 18th pencefully at Trees Park Residential
Village near Dartington, Frank, aged
87. formerly of Coton. Cambridge.
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Edmonds, much loved father of Janet, Belty, and Gillian, and a loving
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FLETCHER - On December 17th, peacefully at Birjaingham after a long ilmess bravely borns, Celia Lane Fletcher, the much loved wife of Sidney Gerald Fletcher, furuerly of Jamaica and mother of John and Walter, Private Zamily funeral service on December 23rd, Family flowers only.

CARRIEL - On December 19th, peacofully at home, "Gower' Wartingham, Ahm, dearly loved husband of Beryl, devoted rather of Jennifer, Daphne, John and adored envelopment of the grandfeldigen. grandfather of the grandfathers. Service 12.3 Sons Friday, December 23rd at All Saints Crurch. Warlingham. Cremation Crawley, 1.3 Spen. Family flowers only but donations if desired in The British Heart Foundation, c/o of B.C. Baker & Sons, 15 High street, Calerbain.

GLASS On December 17th, peacefully at Queen Elizabeth Hoadfal, Birmingham. Sir Lestie Gloss, KCMG. Cremation private. Service of committal at the Priory Church, Leoninster, Herefordshire at 2pm on January 16th and not on January 17th as previously announced. Flowers may be sent to R.w. Mean of 51 West Street, Leoninster, or donations to the Q.E.D. Appeal at Queen Elizabeth Hoadfal. Birmingham. A memorial Service will be held in London at a later date.

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MAYNES - On December 18th, 1988, suddenly at the home of her son John. Violene, aged 84 years of West Camel. Somersel. Dear wife of Harold Sydney, beloved mother of John, David and Many, and much loved grandmother. Funeral service private. Memorial 2.50pm. Thursday, January 19th at All Saints Church. West Camel. No flowers please. Donations if desired for Cancer Research. c/O Esson Funeral Services, Newell Shetborne. Funeral Services, Newell Sherborne, Dorsel. Tel (0936) 813479.

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HOLDES - On December 10th 1988, suddenly but in swinging style amongst friends, Martin aged 65, very much loved finner of Jane and very much loved and loving father of Mark. Timothy, kaste, Melkinie and Rachel, Private family funeral at Marlow. There will be a memorial service on Wednesday February 15th 1989, the versus and details of the tennis memorial fund in be announced later, No flowers please.

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James and Andrew. The fuveral service will be held at St Francis
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telephone (0689) 751.16.

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LAMPERD - On December 19th 1988, after a long filmen borne with continued cheerfulness and courage. Violet Grace, aged 64 years. Good friend and cook at Englefield House for many years. Funeral service at 5t Mark's Church. Englefield. On Friday December 23rd, at 2.50pm. followed by interment. All flowers and enquiries to C.H. Lovegrove. 114/116 Oxford Road, Reading, Tel (07/54) 57/2016.

LEE. On December 20th 1988, suddenly at home to Bury St. Edmunds,
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MAY - On December 18th peacefully in St. Mary's Hospital, London, Belly Mary Ferguson May M.B.E., Mary Ferguson Mary M.B.E., formerly of the 'Commonwealth partiamentary Association, The Funeral Service tuces place at the West London Crematorium, on Friday December 25rd, at 12.30pm, flowers to J. H. Kenyon Lin., 35 Marvern Rd, NW6 5P3, by 11.2m on December 25rd. The Memorial Service will be amnounced at a later right.

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WILSON - On December 19th at Marathon Court Nursing Home, Douglas, Burbera Isabel Ross, aged 90, wife of his late S.E. Wilson, Principal Of King William's college, late Of Man, 1936-58, Much laved by her sons Ken and Chris, and their families. Funeral at Malew Parish Church on Thursday December 29th at 2pm. Family flowers only, Enquiries and dougloos if desired in Save The Children. CO K.K. Tenra Ud. Westminter Terrace Lane, Douglas, Tel. (0624) 75123.

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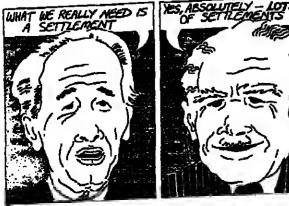
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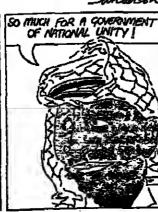
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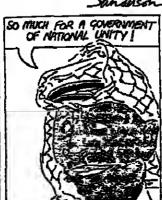
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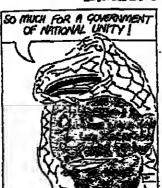
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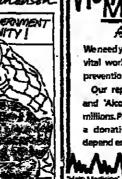


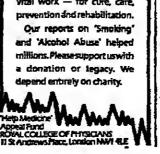












Gritty integrity

Tim Hunkin did not clean up his act for the final programme of his splendid series which explained the workings of machinery: The Secret Life of the Television Set (Channel 4). It would have been an untypical showbiz acknowledge-ment of the vehicle of his increasing celebrity, if he had removed his customary working man's grime from his fingernails to grasp the inner secrets of the box.

Not that there was no gesture towards the incestuous choice of subject: it began with the old visual cliche, a picture of Hunkin which turned out to be on a television set on camera. It ended, though, with more unusual style - setting fire to a huge pile of sets that were switched on. It was remarkable that some pictures, like cooking heretics stubbornly refusing to meet their makers, went on giving us their messages through the burgeoning flames, thus giving encouragement to any television mognis who might be thinking of bidding for the rights to the Anocalypse.

Mountains of Gold (ITV) showed us something going up in smoke which will bring that spocalypse nearer — the Brazilian Amazon rain forest. Adrian Cowell's poignant film juxtaposed two risky methods of getting rich quick: prospecting for gold and industrial mining on a vast scale.

Even Hunkin might have had difficulty in giving us a homely feel for one of the giant machines that eat up the forest with the contemptnous ease of a gourmand swallowing a sliver of cuisine minceur. The worst ecological damage was being done, however, by the more primitive pig-iron factories.

The case for being allowed to destroy the forest, not to say the world, was put by a local politician who skilfully used a powerful tool - humorous ridicale. The damage caused by the mass of gold prospectors swarming in the mud was less in worldwide terms, the rewards elementarily obvious for the lucky few. But failure and hunger were written on most of their faces, one of which was blown off when a soldier, trying to keep order, fired above all but his head.

Andrew Hislop

Songs in a silent world

movie Metropolis, made by Fritz Lang in 1927, does oot at first sight cry out to be made into a stage musical. It is a classic honoured more in the books than in the showing, chiefly admired for the cunning of its effects, the colossus of a future skyscraping city and its netherworld of machinery, teeming with serfs who maintain and service luxurious surroundings for the few.

There are certain problems of transference. How to compete, for example, with a cast of 37,000 (1,000 of them with shaven heads) which could be picked up cheap among the post-war German un-employed? But Metropolis is even now being constructed in secrecy in the heart of London, on the stage of the Piccadilly Theatre. The £2 million musical of that title opens there oo March 1.

The designer, Ralph Koltai, has been at work oo its visual problems for 18 months. He decided at the outset not to copy Lang's vision. "You have to acknowledge the movie, but at the same time it is outdated in many respects," he

Take the machine room: what are they actually doing in physical terms? It looks silly today to have them tearing themselves apart, now that we have high technology and buttons to press without physical effort.

I have not tried to imagine how things will be in the 21st century. It's not Star Trek in white suits. It could be today or tomorrow. Although it all comes from my imagination, I hope people will think that they have seen it somewhere or other.

An unusual feature of the show are the lifts that connect the

with the upper world of lis, whose name is oow John Freeman. There are three working lifts, one on stage and two oo the auditorium side of the proscenium. At one point they considered excavating beneath the stage to accommodate the Underworld, but wiser counsels prevailed when it was realized that the Piccadilly Line passes beneath the theatre.

The story centres on the creation of a robot woman in the exact image of the heroine, Maria. This was achieved in the film with rings of light weaving round the robot figure in its perspex capsule. Nobody is revealing how this will be done oo stage, except to say that this transformation scene will be the climax of Act One.

good deal of coyness can be detected all round, of the wait-tillyou-see-it variety. "But the audience woo't come out humming the effects," says Dusty Hughes, the show's writer and lyricist. "Basically a musical has to express strong feelings that are easily communicable to an audience or it doesn't work.

"This is a love story in which a boy, Freeman's son, falls in love with a girl, Maria. But he can't tell the difference between her and the robot Maria, which his father commissions to be made in order to discredit her, both with the boy

and with the workers.
"There are echoes of Frankenstein, a man-made monster which goes out of control, but here it is in the body of a beautiful woman,



didn't think one per-son would have the stamina to do both parts," says the pro-ducer, Michael White, who has such shows as A Chorus Line and On Your Toes to his name. With a cast of 40, he is spending £2 million on the production.

The other principals are Graham Bickley, who is currently in Les Misérables, as the son, and the genial Brian Blessed, who will play the sinister Freeman, master of Metropolis. He was in the original cast of Cats and is an accomplished singer. The music is by the show's

described as "strongly melodic", oot electronic at all. He and Dusty Hughes, whose first musical this is, have worked together oo the lyrics - "He does the love songs, I do the witty ones". There is dialogue, too. "It's half-

originator, Joe Brooks, and is

way between a book show and an The director is Jérôme Savary,

now head of the Theatre National Populaire. He has a great reputatioo in France for theatrical extravaganza, from the Grand Magic Circus to his history of the world From Moses to Mao, his only show so far seen in this country.

Hitler admired Metropolis, including no doubt its scotimental, brotherhood-of-man ending, in which an unlikely



reconciliation takes place between the representatives of manage-ment and labour in front of ranks of disciplined workers. There will be no whimsy of that sort io the stage version. The baddies get their deserts and they will go up in

Hughes admits he has had a struggle with a story that ventures pretty far from the usual territory for musicals, which is a new field for him anyway. "The story is oo sillier than the plot of some famous operas," he says.

"We've simplified it and managed to tease some humour out of the situation. There's some iroo in it as well. The theatre has its own strict laws which you ignore at your peril. A film is a film, but a musical is a musical."

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DANCE

Witty suite

Choros Sadler's Wells

David Bintley's Choros, revived at Sadler's Wells this week, is a suite of dances which pretends to imitate the varied styles of Greek drama as a pretext for including many contrasted elements. Seen again five years after its creation, it can be understood as a necessary forerunoer of Bintley's subsequent pure-dance ballets.

Charas is not so polished a work as the best of those later products, but it does have much witty invention, cheeky humour and sometimes a tnuch of mystery, too. Bintley is reported as having made some changes, of detail rather than substance.

The ballet's weakness is the element about which we felt some reservations from the first, Aubrey Meyer's raucous score. I had hoped that time might have made its rowdy vitality seem more attractive, but it still shows only one real virtue, a theatrical vividness, like a modern booligan version of such 19th-century musical hacks as Drigo.

However, Terry Bartlett's setting of tall white climbing frames retains its elegance (and its punning suggestion that gymnasium might have meant the same to the ancient Greeks as it does today). The simplified women's costumes are a great improvement. Six of the nine dancers oo whom Bintley created the ballet io 1983 retaio their former roles and daoce them excellently. The newcomers are Julie Francis Allen as the lithe, sly young participant in the satyr episode, Nicholas Millington as Marion Tait's sympathetic partner in the main ducts, and Karen Donovan as the speedy soloist who is so cavalierly treated by her self-admiring trio of partners.

The revival is given with John Auld's lively production of Petrushka and the first London performances of Lynn Seymour's Bastet. Presumably someone felt obliged to let the Sadler's Wells audience learn for themselves how justified the condemnation of its Birmingham premiere had been.

John Percival

Virtuosity and clowning in tandem

Exposé Donmar Warehouse

The last of three Sunday nights with Exposé brought the focus on to the group's joint director Richard Barrett, who, like others of the more intense, more intellectually alert and more post-Ferneyhough composers of the 1950s generation, is probably better known abroad than in Britain. Composers cannot really count themselves to be post-Ferneyhough unless their works are being performed in Darmstadt, Strasbourg and Am-

sterdam before Londoo. The two linked pieces we heard, nothing elsewhere for solo viola

and EARTH for trombone and impassioned, dedicated and finely treme and coocluding points in a sequence of instrumental Fictions. After four opening cycles of mounting fury, nothing elsewhere. is stopped in its tracks to become a five-minute looping of narrowregister glissandos.

EARTH, lasting about 12 min-utes, is different in almost every possible way: strikingly dis-cootiouous, rude and even primitive in its sounds, full of noise, colour and pulsation, though still, just, within a style of high sophisticatioo. Perhaps this is an important element in Barrett's composing, the ability to cross the boundary between the seemingly

hough's solo pieces and the instrumental clowning of Berio or Kagel. The more overtly dramatic events in this performance - the entry of the trombonist during the opening bass drum roll, and later his emphatic tossing aside of used mutes and sheets of music - were additions to the score, but seemed entirely in keeping with the spirit of the piece. Barrie Webb and Elzabeth Davis were the excellently intemperate musicians; Bridget Carey had fastened herself with the same urgency to the tasks of nothing elsewhere.

Even more puzzling than these pieces was Barrett's three-minute

CONCERTS

The robot creates mayhem and

starts a revolt in which the

who starred in the Broadway prod-

uction of Chess. "Until I saw her, I

Both roles, of course, are played

workers attack the machinery."

version of Stockhausen's Plus-Minus, perhaps a deliberate damp squib. But there was an outstanding performance of Zimmermann's Intercomunicazione from Alan Brett and James Clapperton. The latter pulls his face into grimaces of violence and disgust before attacking the keyboard, but then the resultant sound, if loud and sharp in attack, cootradicts expectation in its control and beauty, providing here an apt opposition to Brett's unflinching, lonely continuity.

Paul Griffiths

BBC PO/Penderecki he an innovator, and how far just a skilled follower of the band-clear lices, that often leave you Studio 7, Manchester

The amount of oew and unfamiliar music that the BBC Philharmonic have presented over the last few months is impressive. It augurs well for their future under Trevor Green's guidance. Perhaps even more impressive is their apparently effortless cootrol of often intractable material.

But, in the case of their Penderecki coocert, with the composer conducting, that task was surely less difficult than it may have seemed. Penderecki's position among contemporary composers is oot easily assessed. How far is

on? What can be said is that he is a master of the art of creating effects with the minimum of effort. That is by oo means a twoedged comment. Where many of his contemporaries fill their scores with complex detail that is virtually inaudible and out of proportion to the affect achieved, Penderecki has generally worked io broad colours that communicate directly and easily.

They can sometimes be a little disappointing, as in his Christmas Symphony of 1980. This is a strangely Brucknerian affair that avoids his more characteristic style in clusters, preferring relrespective that the counterpoint is not stronger. Its grand design also makes you regret that he seems unable to vary his pace and create music that sounds fast.

Karine Georgian countered that problem in playing his second Cello Concerto of 1982. The sheer energy she displayed, in a work that certainly does oot play itself, generated a degree of ebb and flow to which the orchestra responded magnificently. Yet Penderecki is surely at his best on a smaller time-scale. His brief and simple Als Jacob Erwachte, of 1974, made its mark instantly.

David Fallows

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Sticky Fingers King's Head

Who oceds lovers, who needs friends, When you've got a Mercedes-Benz?" So begins one racy number in this mixed-up musical by Michael Ellis, a composer and lyricist who prefers making fun of the rich and stylish world of advertising to holding np for nur admiration the socially caring inhabitants of an inner-city squat. "There's a world outside," says nne of his social workers, "there's people in need." No prize offered for guessing which deadly sin this rhymes with.

The opportunity to hear newly written jazz in a musical comes rarely enough, and Elfis's songs are thrillingly sung here by the zesty young Amanda Symonds, blackskinned, blue-eyed, who brings a grainy attack to the songs of passion and a heart-catching, smoky melanchuly to a song called "Look Back In Anger".

The other five members of the cast are not required to haul up equivalent hunks of anguish. They perform in comic mode: Winston Crooke as some sort of Caribbean C&W cowboy, Louise Jamesoo a student Dietrich. The most consistently amusing is Nicholas Le Prevost as the boss of Starky and Starky, first seen placing art objects oo plinths with the prissy reverence that some writers and directors (in this case Yvonne Brewster) think apt for agency

Now for the bad news. Ellis has an embarrassingly poor ootion of how to put together a scene and where to place a number that will build character or develop his theme; as for the social issues (ad agency v. squatters' rights) the plot line is fatuous, with Alan Cooke playing an unbelievable scriptwriter. But, considered as a tester of a future show - cut, extended, clarified, dramatized - the work has distinct possibilities.

Jeremy Kingston

Not quite there Le Retour au désert

Renaud-Barrault, Paris

Le Retour au désert is sent before its time on to the stage of Paris's Renaud-Barrault theatre, scarce half made up. Written by one of France's most talked-about play-wrights, Bernard-Marie Kottes, this black comedy has the makings of a contemporary masterwork, yet in substance it falls short of being one. An impressive cast, headed by Jacqueline Maillan and Michel Piccoli, is directed by Patrice Chéreau.

The lights dimly go up on an haute architecture set, whose in-tricate minimalism clearly identifies it as the work of Richard Peduzzi, Chérean's scenic accomplice for more than 20 years. As the action changes, the scenery deconstructs itself, smooth walls break into a staircase, or silently sprout a three-metre-high garden

We are in provincial France in the early Sixties. Mathilde Serpenoise, a middle-aged battle-axe, banished 15 years earlier for below-the-belt black sheep activities, returns from war-torn Algeria to the bourgeois family fold, determined to repossess her inheritance, with son and daughter Edouard and Fatima in tow.

Please please please Almeida

Translated back into "real life", neither the people nor the events in the Complicité company's anti-Christmas show would be worth looking at. Mum and Dad, bored to death with each other, lie reading in bed. Young Malcolm rehearses the great domestic walkout he is never going to make. Brother Ken brings his girl-friend round for a ceremonial opening of presents that nobody wants; and they wind up as a glum snowbound group, while a baglady serenades them on the musical saw. This kind of inert family life is

Mathilde's ever-loathing brother Adrien smartly whips the welcome mat from under her feet. In her absence, Adrien has become a barefoot, city-suited recluse, running the family affairs and keeping the innocence of his son Mathieu intact, within the family

property's encircling high wall. While Adries and Mathilde demolish one another, their child-ren play. Edouard takes the vir-ginal Mathieu to the local brothel. Fatima meets the ghost of Adrien's first wife. Wife number two, sister to number one, is an alcoholic. Two salt-of-the-earth arabic servants, a café owner, a militant black parachutist, a lawyer and a couple of local dignitaries complete Koltes's hackneyed icons of social comment.

It is a confused, dramatic purgative, flavoured with sharp mnur, that flushes out all the ills of cootemporary society within the confines of a family feud. Once cleansed, however, the characters have trouble in bringing the play Edouard opts out by reasoning

that if he jumps into the air, the earth will move away without him . . . so he is last seen shooting out over the auditorium. Armed with his new found manhood, Mathieu makes for the Algerian front line. Fatima gives birth to



Brother and sister in conflict: Michel Piccoli and Jacqueline Maillan black twins. Only Mathilde and about portrayal of Adrien, coupled Adrien hang around arguing until

the unresolved end. One of France's best loved "boulevard" actresses, Maillan enthusiastically flexes hitherto unused dramatic muscles. Her inimitable way with acerbic one-liners, and Piccoli's demented, knockwith the intriguing design and direction, succeed in giving Kohès's embryonic cluster of good ideas a sense nf dramatic maturity they do not altogether deserve.

Diane Hill

Household monsters

utside the range of spoken drama but Annabel Arden's production (now entering its third year) proves it to be natural material for this company's vocabulary of body-language, which reflects the family's stunted, habit-ridden speech while releasing their unspoken fantasies and hostilities on a Wagnerian comic scale; showing them both as futile rebels and as automata possessed by ingrained

romines. Taking the old scene of the teenager threatening to leave home, Arden lets Marcelle Magni in breakfast as to have become stone deaf. "Listen", be tells them in an bysterical crescendo, guraming buttered biscuits to his father's forehead and sending the crockery flying, but never getting the flicker of a response. Mum later has the bad luck to spill a drink on the girl-friend's dress. immediately going on to assault the visitor to clean it up and then failing on her face and spinning over the stage like an electric cel having noticed some specks of dust on the floor.

In this role, Linda Kerr Scott, face clenched tight under a mass of curlers, raises a domestic drudge to the energy level of a whirling dervish. She is outmatched only by Simon McBurney's Ken, bestriding the stage like a ravenous ogre wielding an invisible phallic club, when confiding the pleasures of conjugal life to his little brother. All the household monsters are on show — suiks, blackmail, taotrums, mute resentment - re-leased with the great gust of fresh air that periodically blows the performers about like dead leaves, and dispels the poison.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Making a meal of manners?

Nowhere are children's manners - or lack of them - more talked about than at the table. Dinah Hall discovers why

lbows off the table! Don't speak with your mouth full! No, you can't get down - wait until everybody has finished. The language of the dining table probably still rings in your ears from childhood. And yet here we are, the liberated souls of the Sixties and Seventies, who were so determined to do everything differently, demanding exactly the same standards of our

It is certainly easier if every-one's standards are the same. The trouble starts when two families with very different views on the upbringing of children come tother, as on Christmas Day. The liberal mother ignores or smiles fondly on Bruno as he performs a war dance around the table, war dance around the table, brandishing a turkey leg while the polite mother's face muscles tauten. "My goodness, what a lively child," she manages between gritted teeth.

And when little Camilla at the

end of the meal says: "Please may I get down and thank you for a lovely lunch," it is her turn to relax while the liberal mother

looks fit to throw up.

Brothers and sisters who were brought up in exactly the same way will often bring their own children up in widely diverging ways, depending on whether they conform to or react against their own parents mores.

"I suppose because I've married a man who is quite conservative and was brought up with even stricter table manners than we had in our house, we demand a higher standard of behaviour from our children than my brother does of his. But quite honestly, 1 find the manners of his children ruin Christmas lunch for everyone,"

one woman complains. "He and his wife are very keen on 'creative expression' for their children, which means that everyone else has to endure their shouting at each other across the table and pushing away the food that they don't want. And then between courses they get down and run around or play with their toys.

paranoid that something will fall off a shelf and into my

bag," says the 37-year-old

mother. Last month, after

looking for stocking fillers in her local chain store, Sally was

British shops lose more than £1.5 billion every year

the Oxford Street Association,

confirmed that crime rises in

wrongly accused of stealing.

through theft, and Decem is a particularly tempting time. Harry Shepherd, director of

"My children have been trained to sit still until the end of a meal, so of course they start to feel hard done by. I don't know which is worse - the idea that they will copy their cousins' behaviour or the fact that what I consider in my children to be only reasonable degrees of politeness and consideration for others — please and thank you, and passing food to their grandparents — looks almost

priggish in contrast." You have only to remember Struwwelpeter (Routledge & Kegan Paul) - moral instruction in verse for children which was first published in Germany at the beginning of the century — and The Story of Fidgety Philip to see that table manners are neither a modern nor British phenomena. But Fidgety Phil, He won't sit still;

He wriggles And Giggles, And, then, I declare,

Swings backwards and forwards And tilts up his chair . . See the naughty, restless child Growing still more rude and

'Til his chair falls over quite.
The fate of a modern Fidgety
Philip would doubtless be to grow up into a bun-throwing Hooray Henry. But manners are far from an upper-class prerogative. In fact, those that despise manners as a bourgeois hang-up are probably

The upper classes have their ctiquette but they have to learn it from a book (see Debrette's Etiquette and Modern Manners -"How to eat an orange", "How to hold a fork"). And the working classes may be strict on discipline, but the table does not take priority as it does for the middle classes.

It is often at the extremes of the social spectrum that you find the worst mannered children: the deprived offspring of the de-pressed unemployed and the sometimes even more deprived offspring of the absentee upper-

"Bad table manners," says Dr Berger, a child psychologist at St George's Hospital, London, "are



often a way of attracting parental 'Everyone else has to attention." To be believed at is more fun than being ignored. endure their shouting' Table manners, understandably, are not something he sees as being of vital importance in a child's

setting up pre-conditions for an-orexia and bulimia in later life." So that explains the story of Augustus who would not have any

Look at him, now the fourth day He scarcely weighs a sugar

He is a little bit of thread And on the fifth day, he was

Berger advises moderation in manners. "I don't see the necessity to demand of children that they sit through the entire course of a meal when they are not being involved in the conversation. From my own children I would expect proper use of implements, but more for reasons of aesthetics and hygiene than because I am hung up on manners which is a highly

plicated way of saying bourgeois.

But then many of us would prefer to be bourgeois. "Letting children have unrestricted freedom," wrote American psychiatrist Rudolf Dreikurs in the 1960s, when being liberal with your child was just beginning to become fashionable, "has made them tyrants and their parents

Today, even the most easy-going child care experts, such as Penelope Leach - of the Childrenhave-Rights-Too school of thought, advocate the inculcating from an early age of basic stan-dards of behaviour at the table.

Those without children can perhaps take a more objective view. Parents who cannot control their small children often find themselves becoming more and more isolated from their childless friends. A young journalist, far from reactionary in her views, complained that bad mannered children bring everyone down to the

lowest common denominator "I went to a dinner party at some friends who had a threeyear-old. They were both professional, educated people doctors in fact - but they just went down to their child's level, pandering to his every spoilt whim, so that the whole dinner revolved around him."

Nannies who see their immaculately behaved charges turn into ill-bred monsters at weekends put down not to laziness but overindulgence, with the parents compensating for guilt about being away during the week.

trained and worked as a namny for several years, but is now reading psychology at Birmingham University, says: "The parents don't like to make an issue of it so the child wins. And for some reason it seems to be a strategically

"Mealtimes are the time when you can and should enforce rules that they can obey. But you have to set an example - I think it is very important to sit down to meals with the children, not just throw food at them."

Cultural changes in eating have contributed to a decline in stan-dards. Meals on the move and television suppers have reduced eating to a mere bodily function. "Sharing meals reinforces the family circle," says Gillian Graves, an infant school teacher who has two young daughters.

"You have to work out what you consider acceptable standards of behaviour at table - for me that is sitting down to a meal, appreciating what you are eating and not doing anything obviously grotesque like spitting food out But it is more a case of mouvating your children to realize themselves what those standards are."

Manners are the public face of the family, which is why, some-

ally used to enjoy buy-ing last-minute treats for her family, but this year, with just four shopping days to

Shoplifters (CCAS). With its help she has been encouraged to continue fighting for some

proportion to takings: "If they double, so does theft." But in the fight to combat crime, mistakes are sometimes made. In Sally's case, she arrived home to find two police officers on the doorstep.

"They asked me to empty my bags," she recalls. "Luckily I had a receipt for every item but what if I hadn't?" The police said they had been called by the store's detectives and apologized, but Sally, who says she was made to feel like a criminal in front of neigh-bours, has so far failed to extract a written apology from

In desperation, she turned to her local Citizen's Advice Crisis Counseiling for Alleged

experience Many shoppers are wrongfully accused

Grants Unit, was set up in 1981 by Harry Kauffer, whose work for the National Convinced him of the need for such an organization. He realized that many wrongfally accused people are ignorant of their rights and may be persuaded to act against their own in-terests. Each year a nationwide network of CCAS counsellors, supported by doc-tors and psychiatrists, helps between 3,000 and 4,000 people. They usually give tele-phone advice but in desperate, times suicidal, cases they

wrongfully arrested, they should bring a case against the store and attempt to get dam-ages, "But mistakes are sel-dom made. Most store detectives are ex-police and it should never make an arrest unless they see something with their Kauffer, whose group also apports shoppers when they

development or psychology. "But it does come up from time to time

as part of a package of trouble. The

reason that we seem to be so irrational about table manners is

because feeding is of great sym-

"When children refuse to eat,

they are seen as denying their

parents' love. You have to be wary

of making the dining table into a

battlefield, because you might be

take action against stores, is convinced that shops are mostly the architects of their "mitigating circumstances", possibly because of paivety, confusion or medical reasons. own misfortune. He cites They never help anyone who they believe acted with crim-ical intent — and if they have a tempting shop displays and sweets arranged at child-eye level. Shepherd disagrees: criminal record, Kauffer tells Since when has temptation them to get a good solicitor. been an excuse for rape?" Patricia was on tranquillizers and having Kapffer thinks stores should be forced to staple receipts to psychiatric treatment when she was picked up in a bags and security staff should Croydon department store for

But the two agree that stores should make more efforts to check theft by staff. As a member of the Home Office working group on shop theft, Shepherd says: "We concluded that in some cases it Kauffer's North London beme may split 50-50 between there are filing cabinets full of employees and customers. Theft by staff is a dama sight letters from grateful clients: "Thank you Harry for saving more difficult to stop and often it is complicated by collusion it is complicated by collin

professional". According to Shepherd, if someone is

Jane Ferguson

of stealing. Can crisis counselling help?

CCAS, which is part-funded by the London Borough

shoplifting. When the police delivered a court summons at threatening to kill her children and herself. With his help she found the courage to go to court to explain her case. At

CCAS helps both those who

innocent, and others who, their view, acted in

views and information Quote me . . .



"Nowadays, if you can manage such a friendship with your ex-spouse it's the only sensible thing to do because of all those years together. With children to worry about, and love, it can be very good." Michael Crawford

in scents

Pew perfumery, founded by Glenn Manterfield, a 25-yearold marketing man from Shef-Esprit de Grasse, bottled in thing, it did not think of lead crystal with the name in registering it for kites."

gold. The Nottingham shop manageress, Jayne Bradley, says the concept of an in-dependent perfumery, with saleswomen not working for a particular perfume house, has proved popular since the shop's opening in November. Manterfield plans to open-branches in Newcastle, Dudley, Liverpool and Edinburgh

harm than good. He says they

my life" is typical.

Flights of fancy fancy a Ferrari? If the spirit is willing but the wallet weak, why not include him or her with a Ferrari Kite? It is a four-foot square kite costing just £11.95 (plus 75p postage and packing) from M.L.A., 242/244 St John Street, London EC1P 4PH (tel 01-250 3988), or direct from the Kite Shop in Neal Street, Covent Garden. Semi-circular, with

'cells" to catch the wind, the kite has no sticks or spars to break and is supposed to be impervious to wet weather. It The Nottingham-based Le can go like the wind without risking a ticket, and there are no wornes about parking. The Ferrari kite, incidentally, is field, is to offer a bespoke nothing to do with Ferrari perfume service next year. Its cars. Michael Lazarus, who perfumiers will create a markets it, explains. "It was unique blend for a customer invented by a Mr Perrari and, for around £2,000. In the fortunately, although Ferrari meantime you will have to has registered its name for settle for their £230-a-bottle almost every conceivable

Kitchen help Should you find yourself on Christmas eve with a rocksolid frozen turkey and burnt mince pies, do not despair. Once again Bejam, together with cookery experts from Woman's Own, is running a

telephone cookery helpline, between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, to offer expert advice and consolation on everything from how to thaw the tarkey in the microwave to salvaging burnt pies, skinning chestnuts and making cranberry sauce. The number on Saturday is 01-951 1313. Licking cancer The stamps from your Christ

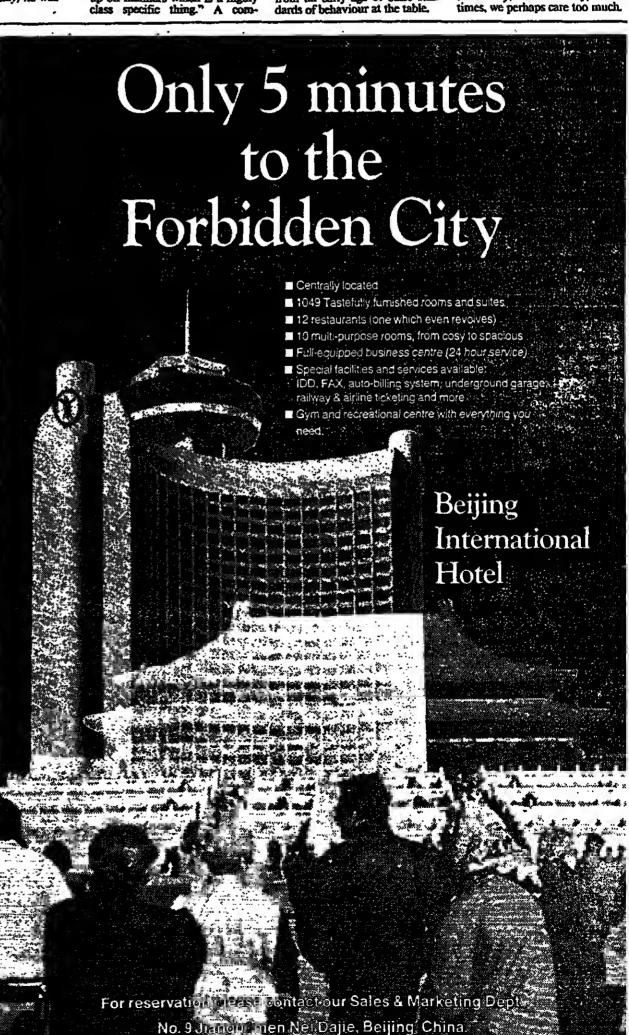
mas post could help research into breast cancer. The Jeannie Campbell Appeal sells thousands of stamps to help fund its campaign against unnecessary mastectomies. The appeal organizer, Pam Nuthall, says "It used to be the case that if you had a breast lump, off it came: but things are gradually chang-ing." The appeal is named after a cancer-stricken journalist who refused a mastectomy and took part in successful radiotherapy trials. She died

in 1981 of a separate cancer.

Send stamps to the appeal at

29 St Luke's Avenue, Rams-

gate, Kent, CT11 7JZ. Victoria McKee



Telephone: 5126588 : Telex: 211121 BIH CN: Fax: 512.99



ful to fork out £900 for a twosession course, and Price Waterhouse's new "Strategies for the Successful Woman" is aimed at those in senior management only, who may have reached a career plateau. Run at the Urwick Manage-

ment Centre in Slough, with one session already started this month and three more planned next year, it covers power and personal effectiveness, organizational politics, self-image and communica-tion, alliances and support, self-projection and planning personal strategy. You can take one module on its own for £500 plus VAT. Details from Marion Gillic at Urwick Management Centre (tel 0753 34111).

Drink up

Worried about all the fizzy drinks the children consume over the holidays? Healthconscious parents will stock up on the Whole Earth range of soft drinks made without caffeine or artificial additives. Sweetened only with apple juice, they come in various flavours and cost 39p a bottle (89p for the large size) from health food shops.

Sale wars: the scramble begins

After Christmas shopping comes post-Christmas shopping. Nicole Swengley provides a comprehensive guide to the best sales and bargains nationwide

STORES.

LONDON

DEBENHAMS, Oxford Street, W1 (01-580 3000)
Selected Debenhams men's suits reduced from £120 to £70; selected castmers women's coats reduced by £20. Half price selected printed ready-to-hang curtains or £5% off lined velvet ready-to-hang curtains. Dec £7-Jan 21 (starts Dec 26 in Scotland) DEBENHAMS, Oxford Street, W1 (01-

FORTHUM & MASON, 181 Piccadily, W1 (01-734 9040) A third to a half off in most departments except food and wine. Jan 5 for two weeks

HARRODS, Knightsbridge, SW1 (01-730 1234)
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Indo-Persian Kalmuri rug, 5th 5in x 4th
Indo, reduced from £199 to £99. Woman's
18ct gold Plaget bracelet watch from
£10,500 to £5,250. Vista Allegre plain
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from £21 to £15,75. Delbanco duck
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HARVEY NICHOLS, Knightsbridge, SW1 (01-235 5000)
Up to 50% off selected items of Celvin Klein, Krizis, Riisti Ozbek and Armani.
Up to 30% off selected items of Byblos, Louis Feraud, Flora Kung. 50% off gifts

Jan 4-Jan 28

HOUSE OF FRASER, all stores including Army & Navy, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1234) and House of Fraser, Kensington High Street, W8 (01-937

Extra 10% discount on sale and non-Dec 27 and 28. Hoover washing machine from £339.99 to £309.99; Sharp microwave from 2239.99 to 2195.99; Hitachi 15in colour television from 2299.99 to £249.99. Most fashion co-ordinates down by a third; designerwear down by 25%. Dec 27-Jan 31

JOHN LEWIS, Oxford Street, W1 (01-629 7717) and branches.
China and glassware reduced by 6 third; large discounts on luggage; reductions on bed linen, bath linen and table linen. Dec 29-Jan 7, Oxford Street, Brant Cross and Edinburgh; Dec 30-Jan 7, other stores

LIBERTY, Regent Street, W1 (01-734

1234)
Liberty print cotton furnishing fabric (slightly imperfect) down from £11.50 to £7.50 per metre; 23in silk square down from £19.50 to £9.75. Liberty print Ascot silk Douppion 90cm dress fabric reduced from £25 to £9.95 per metre. Iranian meshed carpet, 3.37 x 3.04 metre, from £3.600 to £1.675. Hatf price designer labels including Workers For Freedom dress from £218 to £109. Hatf price Levis jackets lined with Liberty Dec 27 for three weeks

PETER JONES, Sloane Square, SW1 Reductions on china, diassware, fabrics and linens. Dec 29-Jan 7

SELFRIDGES, Oxford Street, W1 (01-029 1234)
Fashion bargains include a third off all designer labels. Betty Jackson blouse down from £105 to £70; Paul Costelloe jacket from £285 to £190. Half price model hats, for example, Philip Somerville, from £200 to £100. Feminella wool coats a third off, for example, from £205 to £133, 75% off

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we cocktell dress down from £285 to £72, £100 off selected Yves St Laurent classic business suits, from £235 to £135. Dec 27-Jan 31

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OUT OF TOWN

BATH: JOLLYS, Milsom Street, Bath (0225 62811)
Extra 10% off sale and non-sale items for Frasercard holders on Dec 27 and 28 in fashion, menswear and fashion accessories except shoes. Selected fashion reduced by up to 50%, Good reductions on dress fabrics, linens, confirming and cookware and carpets. Dec 27-Jan 31

BIRMINGHAM: RACKHAMS, Corporation Street, Birmingham (021236 3933) Reductions in many departments including fashion, menswear, funded bedlinen and electrical.

Dec 27-Jan 31

BOLTON: LEWIS'S. Oxford Street (0204 Moire taffeta 48in wide curtain fabric reduced by £2 to £4.99 per metre.
Special purchase Tricity MV921 600
watt microwave oven at £149.95.
Dec 27 for a month

CANTERBURY: RICEMANS, St. CANTERBURY: RICEMANS, St George's Lane (0227 766888) Selected items of Mondi, Rodier, Yarrell, Betty Barclay and Gerry Weber at half price. Alwa midd system with CD player from 2999 to 2799. Parker Knoll three seater settee from £1,895 to £1,295. Dec 27-Jan 21

CARDIFF: HOWELLS, St Mary Street (0222 231055)
Extra 10% off sale and non-sale items for Frasercard holders on Dec 27 and 28 in fashion, menswear and fashion accessories except shoes. Reductions on turniture, electrical goods and linens. Pringle cashmere pullovers from £169 to each Dec 27-Jan 31

EDINBURGH: FRASERS, Princes Street (031 225 2472) Reductions in fashions for men and women, electrical equipment and

GLASGOW: FRASERS, 21-45 Buchanan Street (041 221 3880)
Reductions in many departments including fashion and designerwear, furniture, bedlinen and electrical.

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LIVERPOOL: LEWIS'S, 40 Ranelagh CIVERPOUL: LEWIS'S, 40 Ranelegh Street (051-709 7000) Hrani FST remote control colour TV reduced by £50 to £249.95; special purchase Swan three piece pan set with matching free electric leatile. 627.50 Dec 27 for a month

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NEWCASTLE: HOUSE OF FRASER, Metro Centre, Gateshead (091 493

Extra 10% off sale and non-eale items for Frasercard holders on Dec 27 and 28 in men's, ladies and children's fashion. Dec 27-Jan 31 OXFORD: FENWICK, St Ebbes Street (0865 722277)

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Cashmere and wool coats \$20 off: selected items of French Connection, Mesor, OuiSet at half price. Dec 27-Jan 31

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SWANSEA: DAVID EVANS, Princess Way (0792 651525)
Extra 10% off for Frasercard holders on Dec 27 and 28 in fastion and merswear. Fashion co-ordinates, small and large electrical goods, upholasered furniture reduced by 10% to 20%. Dec 27-Jan 31.

YORK: FENWICK, St Mary's Square, Coppergate (0804 643322)
Fashion reductions include Jaeger, Alexon, Planet, Mondi, Yarel, Windsmoor, OuiSet, French Connection, Jacques Vert. Haif price jewellery. Peter England and Van Heusen men's business shirts reduced to £12. Dec 27 for a month

FASHION

(01-734 6090) Men's cashmere overcoats from £895 to £595; wool coats from £295 to £199. Men's classic raincoats from £210 to £125. Ladies cashmere coats from £975 to £649. Dec 27-mid-Jan

AUSTIN REED/OPTIONS, 103-113 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 6789) and branches nationwide Monaweer: £20 off everything over £225; £15 off all jackets over £155; £40 off overcoats over £195. Womenswear: 40% off designer labels including Paul Costelloe, Nicole Fahrt, Caroline Charles. Dec 23-Jan 28

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BLADES, 8 Burlington Gardens, Savile Row, W1 (01-734 8911)
Hand-tailored uncollected bespoke suits reduced from £650 to £150.
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Everything helf price in the Designer room. Special purchase leather lashion gloves at £11.95 - £15.95. A third off Marc Cain collection, Robert Verlano and Fenn Wright & Manson. Classic 100% wool knitwear half price.

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EDINA RONAY, 141 King's Road, SW3 (01-352 1085); 42 Burlington Arcade, W1 (01-495 3034) Up to 50% off sweaters, suits and

evening wear, Starts Jan 7 at King's Road shop; Jan 27 at Burlington Arcade for a month ENGLISH ECCENTRICS, 155 Fullham Road, SW3 (01-589 7154) 40% off main collection; 50% off other selected items; 10% off jewellery and Jan 5-Jan 28

FENWICK, New Bond Street, W1 (01-629 9161) Nicole Fahri long wool flannel jecket reduced from £179 to £99; matching trousers from £89 to £49. Fair Isle sweaters in silk and wool from £139 to £99. French Connection lambswool and Dec 27 for three weeks

GIEVES & HAWKES, 1 Savile Row, W1 (01-434 2001) Classic men's suits reduced from £260 to £195; wool blazers from £175 to £115; cotton shirts from £45 to £27; silk ties from £29 to £14. uas from 123 to 114.
Dec 27 for three weeks at Savile Row
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Eastbourne, Winchester, Portsmouth
and Bath; Jan 3 at Cannon and Lime

JAEGER, 200-206 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 8211) and branches Winter coats reduced from £199 to £99; small selection of classic cashmere

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MIDAS, 27e Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 7329) and branches nationwide 30% to 40% off shoes, dresses, jackets, knitwear and suits. Dec 28-Jan 31

MEXT, 54-56 Kensington High Street, W8 (01-938 4211) and branches Menswear, formal shirts from £15.99 to £7.99; sweatshirts from £24.99 to £12.49. Half-price ski wear, for example, all-in-one suit from £99.99 to £49.99. Women: gabardine jackets from £74.99 to £59.99.

to £59,99, Women's fashion Dec 24 to Jan 28; menswear and lingerie from Dec 26 SCOTCH HOUSE, 2 Brompton Road, SW1 (01-581 2151); 84 Regent Stret, W1 (01-734 0203); 39-41 Princes Street, Edinburgh (031 556 1252) Women's cashmere sweaters reduced

£29 to £19.95, Men's cashmere reduced from £155 to £99.95; lambswool from £27.50 to £16.50. Dec 27 for about two weeks SIMPSON, Piccadilly, W1 (01-734 2002) Women's designerwear reduced by 30%; 50% off Paul Costelloe. Daks wool suits from £305 to £152.50. Menswear reduced by 30% including Cerruti and

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THE CONRAN SHOP, 81 Fulham Road. SW3 (01-589 7401)
Reductions on furniture, china, glass and fabrics plus huge savings on damaged goods. Jan 7 for a week

HABITAT, 196 Tottenham Court Road, W1 (01-636 1666) and branches Half-price tables, chairs, storage units, wardrobes and sideboards, 20% off upholstery. Further discounts and special purchases from Dec 26 at out-of-town stores (except Scotland) and from Dec 27 at all other branches on kitchensvare, china, bedlinen, toys, tolletries, floor coverings, lighting. Now until Jan 25; until Jan 29 at out-of-town and Scottleth branches

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6in, from £945 to £845.

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JANE CHURCHILL, 137 Stone Street, SW1 (01-877 0600) and branches 40% off selected fabrics, including Cranbourne, Ashbourne, Yardley Ribbon. 40% off selected wallpapers including Moire, Brighton, Crayon. 25% off bedliner.

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Jan 1-Jan 31. Open Sundays

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

A couple of little terrors

TELEVISION

CHOICE

• Poison Candy (BBC1. 9.30pm) may be taken as an

awful warning about the dangers of television violence, for every time we see a screen -

and we see one pretty often -

it is showing people being mutilated. The point being

made is that impressionable

youngsters who soak up this

nastiness may take it as a

norm and practise what they see. Like horrible little Thelma, just coming up to nine, who, when she is not

watching horror films oo TV is spying on her older brother.

Into Theima's life, on a sunsoaked strip of seaside Florida, come Robert and Dotty (John Hurt and Karen Young), a couple taking up residence in a holiday home.

Robert makes a fuss of the

little mite and comes to rue it.

Teaming np with another little monster, Thelma discovers that Robert and Dotty are oot

what they seem and uses their

guilty secret to try a little blackmail. What seems like a childish prank turns into something far more sinister and to add to his troubles,

Robert becomes suspected of murder. *Poison Candy* is a polished thriller which may

have its share of implausibil-

ioes but taken on its own

terms can be enjoyed as a cleverly crafted exercise in Hitchcockian logic. Everyone has their reasons and the

morality of the piece is care-

fully balaoced. Thelma

(convincingly played by a

newcomer to television,

Cassie Barasch) may exude

evil but her victims are hardly

innocent either. Written and

directed by a British film

veteran, Anthooy Simmons,

and the first BBC drama

intended for cinema release,

Poison Candy makes strong

use of its Florida locations and

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines.

weather, travel and sports bulletins

6.40 Leon Errol in Deal Me in (b/w).

6.55 Weather.

7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman, includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27
8.30 The Fintationes. Cartoon series 8.55 Regional news and meether

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9.00 News and weather followed by

Open Air. Susan Rae and Natalie Anglesey receive viewers' comments on yesterday's television output 9.20 Five Go to Florida. A 40

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Minutes documentary about five seriously ill children on a holiday with another 281 British youngsters in the same predicament, who visited Disney World in Florida (r).

10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz (r). 10.25

Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with Playbus 10.50 Paddington (r). 10.55 Five to Eleven. Judi Dench with a Christmas reading 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Susan Rae, Bob Wellings and Natalie Anglessey

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. For the benefit of young viewers on their Christmas holidays, a behind-the-scenes look at Newsround. Plus, festive fashion advice 12.55 Regional news and weather

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Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip
Hayton. Weather 1.30
Neighbours. Jane makes an
important telephone call and
receives a visit from a
glamorous lady. Meanwhile Paul
goes house-hunting 1.50
Going for Gold. European general
knowledge game presented by
Henry Kalls. knowledge game presented by Henry Kelly

9.00 Ceefax 12.00 Film: The Mexican Spitfire Out

West (1940, b/w) starring Lupe Velez and Leon Errol. Comedy

Velez and Leon Errol. Comedy about a wife who goes to Reno and threatens to divorce her husband unless he takes more notice of her. Directed by Leelie Goodwins.

1.10 Tom and Jerry Festival 1.25 Fingermouse (r). 1.40 Under Sail with the Lough Erne Yachting Club (r).

Club (r).

2.00 News and weather followed by
Lost City of the Incas. A Chronicle
documentary in which David
Drew searches for ancient
Vilcabamba, the last Inca

capital (r).

3.00 News and weather followed by
Wild World: Pelican Delta. A The
Natural World documentary

about the white pelican of the Danube delta 3.50 News, regional news and weather 4.00 Favourite Things. John Mortimer tells Roy Plomley about the things that give him the most pleasure it.

most pleasure (r). 4.30 Laurel and Hardy in Beau

Chumps (b/w).

2.15 Film: The Adventures of Quentin Durward (1955) starring Robert Taylor and Kay Kendall, Swashbuckling yern, loosely based on Sir Walter Scott's tale about an ageing English lord who sends his nephew to further his suit with the

ward of the Duka of Burgundy.
Directed by Richard Thorpe
3.50 Two by Two. The last in Jenny
Powell's wildlife series 4.05
Lassle. Animated adventures
4.35 Back to the Wild. A Newsround special from West Africa where John Craven looks at a project to return tame chimpanzees to the

5.05 Newsround 5.05 The Watch House. The third and final episode of the ghost story 5.35
Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip

Hayton
6.30 London Plus and weather
7.00 Wogan: Terry in Pantoland
with Christopher Biggins, Bernard
Cribbins, Jim Davidson, Roy
Hudd, Little and Large and
Barbara Windsor.
7.35 Doctor Who. Episode two of
the four-part adventure. (Ceefax)
8.00 The Les Dawson Show. The
guests include Roy Barraclough,
Graeme Garden, Patrick
Mower and the Roly Polys (r).
(Ceefax)

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(Ceefax)

8.50 Points of View

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with
Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: Polson Candy (1988).
(Ceefax) (see Choice)
11.00 So This is Clustmas.

11.00 So This is Christmas. . . People who work on Christmas Day
11.45 Lifeline (r).
11.55 Film: The Cruel Sea (1953, b/w) starring Jack Hawkins, Donald Sinden and Denholm Elliott. Second World War drama about a Royal Navy corvette's patrols in the Atlantic. Directed by Charles Frend. (Ceefax)
1.55am Weather.

5.05 Perfect Strangers. American cornedy series (r). 5.30 Film 88 presented by Barry Norman (r).
6.00 DEF II begins with Mission impossible. The agents try to stop the auction of a hydrogen bomb (r). 6.30 Reportage includes an item on animal cruelty in the cosmetics industry
7.40 Tom and Jerry Festival.
7.50 Minnelii on Minnelii. (see Choice)

Choice)
9.00 Ales Sage and Onion. Comedy with Mel Smith and Griff Rhys

Jones
9.40 Pilm: Sweet Dreems (1985)
starring Jessica Lange, Ed Harris
and Ann Wedgeworth. A biopic
about the life and times of country
and western singer Patsy
Cline. Directed by Karel Reisz.

(Ceetax)
11.30 Weather
11.35 Fint: The Band Wagon (1953)
starring Fred Astaire, Cyd
Charisse and Jack Buchanan.
Musical story of a Hollywood star
who is persuaded to take the
lead in a broadway show, Directed
by Vincente Minnelli, Ends at
1.30 mm

ITV/LONDON

8.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys and Kathy Rochford; 7.00 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Rochford; 8.00 News; 9.00 News and Wacaday with Timmy Mallett
9.25 Lucky Ladders, Game show hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55

hosted by Lennie Bennett 9.55
Thames news and weather
10.00 The Time...The
Place...Mike Scott chairs a

discussion on a topical subject

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series
presented by Judy Finnigan and
Richard Madeley. Today's
edition includes an item on getting the best from shopping choices. Plus national news at

10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by weather 12.10 Allsorts (r). 12.30 A Country Practice. Australian medical

Practice. Australian medical charms series

1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville 1.20 Thames news and weather

1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Last minute Christmas cooking ideas 2.00 Richmond Hill. Australian drama series 2.55 Gerdening Time. Swiss cheese plant

2.00 What's Net Line? introduced by 3.00 What's My Line? introduced by Angela Rippon. Today Jilly Cooper is joined by Lionel Blair, Gabrielle Drake and Nino Firetto 3.25 Themes news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian family

drama
4.00 The Raggy Dolls 4.10 The
Ratties 4.20 Dogtanian and the
Three Musicehounds. Cartoon
adventures 4.50 Palace Hill. The
last programme in the comedy
series about a comprehensive school Rinckbusters. General

Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers presented by Bob Holness News with Fiona Armstrong 6.00 Thames news and weather
6.25 Help. Advice for pensioners
seeking winter warmth

6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Joe tries to persuade Kate to stay at Emmerdate over Christmas 7.00 This is Your Life. Michael

7.00 Title is Your Life. Michael
Aspel assaults the emotions of an
unsuspecting worthy
7.30 Coronation Street. Deirdre acts
on a charitable impulse. (Oracle)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tenight. The
entertainer's guests include
Engelbert Humperdinck, Sir
Harry Secombe, Elaine Paige,
Chris de Burgh and Gorden
Kave.

Kaye.

S.00 Rumpole of the Bailey.
Rumpole returns home to find an old flame of "she who must be obeyed" in residence, hoping to

obeyed" in residence, hoping to stay for a couple of weeks.
Starring Leo McKern and Leslie Philips. (Oracle)

-10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Galland Alestair Stewart 10.30
Thames news and weather

10.35 Film: Magnum Force (1973)
Starring Clint Eastwood. San Francisco police inspector Harry Calighan takes on a number of rookie policemen who have of rockie policemen who have formed a death squad. With Hal Holbrook and David Soul. Directed by Ted Post.

12.50am The Twilight Zone: Paladin of the Last Hour. A tale of the supernatural, starring Danny Kaye, about an old man who holds the last hour of the world in a magical timepiece. With Given

magical timepiece. With Glynn Turmann. America's Top Ten

1.30 America's Top Ten
2.00 News headlines followed by
Hammer House of Mystery and
Suspense: And the Wall Came
Tumbling Down. An old church is
demoished and strange
happenings occur. Starring Barbl
Benton, Peter Wyngarde and
Gareth Hunt (r).
3.30 Quiz Night with Ross King
4.00 News headlines followed by
Three's Company. American
comedy series

comedy series
4.30 Fifty Years On. Vintage 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Film: Cheer Boys Cheer (1939, b/w) starring Nova Pilbeam and Edmund Gwenn. Comedy about rival brewers who set out to destroy each other's business. Directed by Walter Forde
11.05 Film: Gesbegs (1940, b/w) starring the Crazy Gang who are put in charge of a London barrage balloon and end up in a prison camp when it is blown to the Western Front. Directed by Marcel Varnel

Marcel Varnel

12.30 Business Daily. 1.00 Sesame

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Street.
2.00 Film: Happy Ever After (1954)
starring David Niven. Comedy
about Irish villagers who are
moved to thoughts of murder by
the arrival of a dastardly
squire. Directed by Mario Zampi
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. With
an audience of people who have
made — and lost — fortunes
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 Hand in Hend. For both deaf
and hearing children. (Oracle)
5.30 Film: Tassels in the Air (b/w)
starring the Three Stooges as
decorators who wreck a home.

decorators who wreck a home. Directed by Charley Chase

5.50 Infantile Disorders. A Children's Film Unit production about two rival groups of carol singers.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter
Sissons and Nik Gowing
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. Tracy and Nikid are
late for work and Tracy is sacked.

late for work and Tracy is sacked.
(Oracle)

8.30 Dispatches. A repeat of Vanya Kewley's documentary on Tibet, first shown last month

9.15 Signals. This final programme of the series examines the ways in which Atrican musical rhythms and gospel music are influencing the sound of popular music

10.15 The Greatest Show on Earth, Judy Pascoe introduces international circus acts

11.20 Lou Grant. Los Angeles

newspaper drama series
12.20am Film: I Want to Live! (1958, b/w) starring Susan Hayward in an Oscar-winning role of a small-time criminal who is wrongly

It's all very strange

convicted of murder and sentenced to die in the gas chamber. Directed by Robert Wise. Ends at 2.35. S4C Starts:10.30mm Film: Love
Me Tonight* 12.10mm Pobol Y
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NETWORK 2 Startis: Bosco

3.00 Five With Forty 3.10 Fispper 3.40 Abracadebra 4.05 Return of the

Antelope 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.45
Real Ghostbusters 5.15 Look Around
5.25 Mighty Mouse 6.00 Jo Mari
6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.05

Cursa 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 Faces of Japan 8.30 Use Your Money 9.00 Golden Gris 3.30 Paul Simon Solo 10.35 News 10.50 Nighthawks

RADIO CHOICE As twist-in-the-tail comedies go, Perry Pontac's Strange Delights (Radio 4, 3.00pm) goes very well in-deed. Maiden aunts need oot be too alarmed that its plot hinges on what Oscar Wilde described as the love that dare oot speak its name. Just three

in the cast - but who needs more when the roles are so beautifully played by Sian Phillips (predatory mother), (breakaway

daughter) and Christopher Scott (twist-in-the-tail suitor). • Peter Evans's inquiry into America's obsession with pseudo-science and the paranormal calls itself Invasion of the Mindsnatchers (Radio 4, 11.00am), but its evidence points to the conclusion that there is oot much of a mind to snatch in the first place. Putting the US into the dock and accusing it of aiding and

Gidon Kremer, violin); Prokofiev (Winter Bonfires Op 122: Prague Radio Orchestra and Children's

Chorus under Alois Klima):

Brendel, piano); Strauss (Ein Heldenleben: RPO

under Beecham - 1947 recording)

1.09 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from the BBC Concert Hall, London. Colin Carr (cello) with Julian Jacobson (piano) play Chopin's Introduction and Polonaise Brillams Op 3;

Grand Duo Concertant on Themes from Robert le diable; and Sonata Op 65

2.00 Record Review (r)

3.10 Vintage Years: 1955/1961 recordings by Czech PO under Karel Sejna of Dvorak's Legend No 6 in C sharp minor and Fibich's Sumboow No 3 in Emiror

Symphony No 3 in E minor 4.00 Choral Evensong 5.00 Berlin Philhermonic Orchestra: Hans Zender

conducts Hindemith's Trauermusik; and Konzertmusik; With Neithard Roba (viola) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: With Brian Wright 7.00 News

Radio SO under Riccardo

Chailly perform Bruckner's Overture in G minor; Mahler's Kindertotenlieder;

and Bruckner's Symphony in D mmor (Die Nullte). With Dietrich Fischer-Dreskau

9.00 Ursula Oppens: The planish

plays Beethoven's Plano Sonata No 11 in B flat Op

22; Elliott Carter's Night Fantasies; Ravel's Valses

Grand Duo Concertant on Themes from Robert le



flair and use of colour. His

speciality was the musical,

though he could be equally

effective making comedies and dramas. Though his

career declined in later years, during the 1940s and 1950s he

was responsible for a string of

outstanding pictures. His life

and career are recalled by his

daughter, Liza Minnelli, in

Minnelli on Minnelli (BBC2,

John Hurt and Karen Young as a couple who regret making friends with two young girls while on holiday (BBC1, 9.30pm)

 Vincente Minnelli was one 7.50pm), a profile written by of Hollywood's great stylists, a the film historian, Richard director noted for his visual Schickel, and richly illustrated

with clips, It serves as an

introduction to a short

Minnelli season, which starts

tonight with The Band Wagon (BBC2, 11.35pm), continues tomorrow with The Bad and the Beautiful (BBC2,

11.25pm) and concludes on

Friday with An American in

Peter Waymark

touch with departed Uncle Hermans and Aunt Marthas.

It is principally in a perversioo of the UFO joke, called abduc-

tion by extraterrestrials, that

Paris (BBC2, 11.25pm).

with a twist (R4, 3.00pm)

documentary compiles a list of abuses of common sense that defies belief. Not all are occessarily harmful, though danger must lurk in the "Hypootism by Video" kit ("You now take control of your life!"), the astro-almanac that gives advice about the best time to start a diet, the quack medicines that fleece the natioo of \$20 billioo a

the mindsnatching process invades nightmare territory. The ghastly scenario goes roughly thus; alien from outer space impregnates teenage girl; returns to remove unborn child from womb; transplants it in womb of extraterrestrial woman. The object of the exercise is oot explained io today's programme, but the frightening thing about it is women swear it has happened to them, and accept without reservation the claim that once the curse has struck a family, it will persist through future generations. Perhaps it is easier to understand such oonsense when we remember that 50 per cent of American high school graduates do not know which side woo io the Civil War.

Peter Davalle

Goodey who reports on opting out of schools under local authority control. Will this mean a better deal for children or will local

4.45 Kaleidoscophing Forecast

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
Report
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and told by Peter Jones (r)
7.45 Perseus Pin Investigates:
Concluding a two-part
Agetha Christie sand-up by
Stephen Sheridan, with
Charles Kay In the title role
(s)

(s) (r) 8.15 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts

life's injustices, proble

reports on the state of health care (r)
8.45 Punters: Listeners repo

4.05 File on 4 with Felicity

45 Kaleidoscone

Mica Paris performs one of

BBC-1 WALES: 6,30pm-7.00
Wales Today 1,55am-2.00
News and weather \$COTLAND:
10.50am-11.00 Documen 6,30pm-7.00 Reporting Scrittend NORTH-ERN IRELAND: 5,35pm Today's Sport 5,40-6,00 Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: 6,30pm-7.00 Regional news meazones

BBC2

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: 6.50pm Linentell Library 7.25 World Cup Footbell (Spein v Northern Ireland) 9.20 Alas Sage and Onion 10.00 Film: Sweet Dreams 11.50-1.5 Film: The Band Wasse

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News on the hour.
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Ursula Oppens, who gives a piano recital (R3, 9.00pm) 6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Nielsen
(Overture to Maskarade:
Gothanburg SO under
Myung-Whun Chung);
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(Pastoral Suits: Swedish
RSO under Westerbern w (Pastoral Suite: Swedish RSO under Westerberg with Borje Marefius, flute); Dvorak (Stavonic Dance in Eminor Op 72 No 2: Cleveland Orchestra under Szell); Straués (Liebeshymnus: Brigitte Fassbaender, soprano, with Jusio Geogle Alexander)

Irwin Gage, piano) 7.35 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd):
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Creation du monde: French National Orchestra under 8.39 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Schubert. Sonata in A minor
(D 821): Mischa Malsky
(cello) with Martha Argenich
(piano); Sel mir gregrusst (D
741): Elly Ameling (soprano)
with Datton Baldwin (piano):
Sesters to C (D 824): Fantasy in C (D 934): Szymon Goldberg (violin)

nobles et sentimentales; and La Valse. Includes 9.40 with Radu Lupu (piano)

3.35 Une Cantate de Noel: A
Christmas cantata by
Honagger performed by
Winchester Cathedral Choir, Interval reading 10.40 Britannia Triumphana: Parley of Instruments directed by Peter Holman and Mark Caudie perform Wirchester Cathedral Choir, Weynflete Singers, and English chamber Orchestra under Martin Neary, with Donald Sweeney (baritone) pieces composed and arranged by the 16th-century Catholic composer Peter Philips and Timothy Byrain-Wig Peter Philips
11.10 Composers of the Week:
Korngold, Rozsa and
Steiner (r)
12.10 News
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labor Peter Schmiter (tenor (organ) 10.05 Hartley Piano Trio: Dvorak's

Piano Trio No 2 in G minor Op 26; and Gordon Crosse's Piano Trio 11.00 Midweek Choice: Corelli (Oboe Concerto in F: New Philharmonia under

year, and the seance salons that guarantee to put you in abetting an attack of super-Barbirolli with Evelyn Rothwell, oboe); Heinrich Ernest (Etude No 8 and The Last Rose of Summer: LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on 3.47 Time for Verse: George MacBeth talks to Liz Lockhead about her life and

WHF 6.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 8.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 6.30 News: 6.55, 7.55 Weather, 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament Yesterday in Parliament 8-57 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek: With Libby Purves

Midweek: With Libby Purves whose guests are the Bettys, a "heavy mental trio" (sic) from Washington DC; John Ebdon, the sconto-redre narrator from the London Planetarium; and Freda Evans who will be Christmas who will be talking about the charity's work for the homeless (s) 10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones and the team answer listeners

team answer listeners'
questions sent in by poet (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Fat Susan
and the Christmas Turkey
by John Hunt. Read by
Denmot Crowley (r)
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; The Wednesday
Feature: Invasion of the
Mindanatchers (see Choice)
11.47 Enguise Wildhir: Dility Barlow 11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow

experts and the BBC reference library (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours:
Consumer news and advice 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Studio discussion Atth John Walte with John Wate

12.25 Crown House: A family
saga set in the 1920s. With
Gayle Hunnicut, Jane Asher
and Richard Pasco (final
part) (s) (r) 12.55 Weather

1.00 World at One on a topical arts-related subject, chaired by Robert Hewison 7.30 Bruckner and Mahler: Berlin

Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Comedian John Sessions talks about British comedy and what he thinks make: sople laugh; plus a visit to training session of an a training session of an American Football team called the All Women London Dolphins; an examination of the Women's Housing Handbook, which was recently published by the Resource Information Service; a woman tiger

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trainer talks about her work: and some seasonal gardening advice about garowing holly and lvy growing holly and lvy News; Strange Delights: Play by Perry Portac. With Sian Phillips, Christopher Scott and Brenda Blethyn

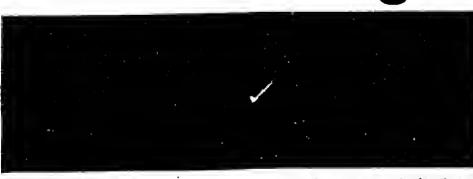
and quarks
9.25 Profile: A profile of Sister
Agnes who lives as a
solitary on the remote island
of Fetter in Scotland 9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of the RSC's production of Electra at the Berblean in London; a report from Simon Munday on an artistic Christmas In Rotterdam; and a preview of the radio and television programmes lined up for the Christmas period with comments from John Drummond, Michael Green,

Alan Yentob and Jermifer Saunders 19.15 A Book at Bedtime: Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy (3 of 20) 10.29

Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
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12.00 News incl 12.20 Weather
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her own songs (C4, 9.15pm) Let there be right.



The diseases of poverty, like polio and TB, are still crippling millions of children.

Christian Aid is funding work in many parts of the world to change living conditions and give children their right

At the Ivy Caltaux Centre in Burkina Faso, West Africa, more than 3,000 children have had help with artificial limbs, physio-



herapy and training skills. One of the nechanics is Wende, himself once a disabled

In India, where 80 per cent of people e in villages, children in particular iffer chronic and preventable diseases :e diarrhoes.

In Tamil Nadu, Christlan Aid is working ith the Centre for Rural Health and Social lucation, which teaches children to recognise diseases, treat simple ailments and take measures towards hygiene and protected water supplies.

As Christian Ald's Director, Michael Taylor, says: "What is right is as clear as a bright star in the night sky."

This Christmas it is only right for all of us to join in making a just world for

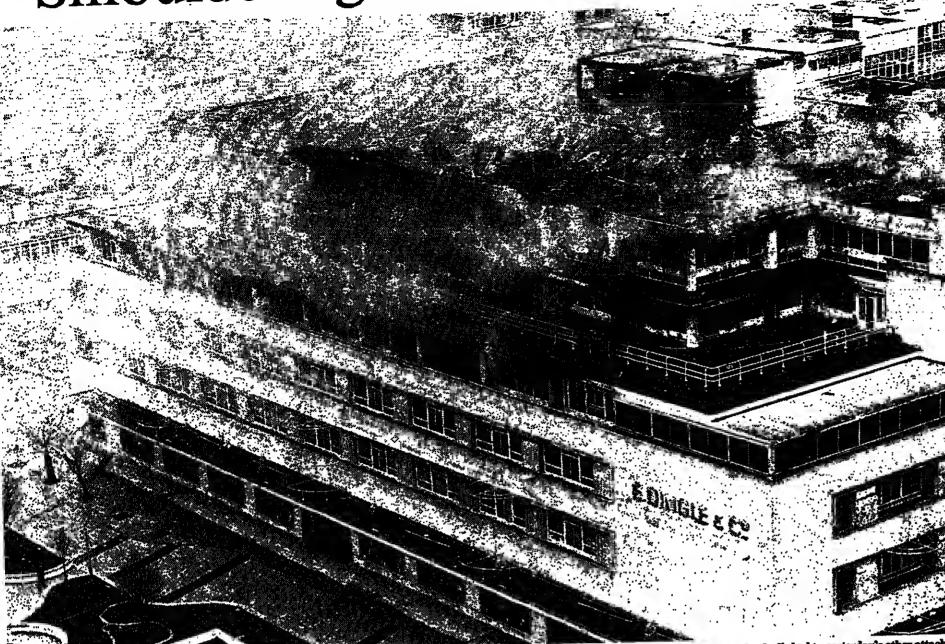
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Christian Aid Christmas Appeal CHURCHES IN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR. Smouldering aftermath of fireball



The remains of Dingles department store in Plymouth yesterday after the huge overnight blaze. The cause was not immediately clear but appeared to be linked to yesterday's other attacks.

Stores alert after fire-bomb attacks share, but the magazine was

one with a diverse range of

opinion. Like a newspaper, it

would publish different views.

Research alternatives: Pro-

fessor Glynn's research is

unconnected with animal ex-

periments. His work in medi-

cal research has been con-

ducted with cell cultures,

showing how crucial molecules

are get into the cells in the

human body (Pearce Wright,

Science Editor, writes). Rather

than promote animal experi-

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indirectly to the search for

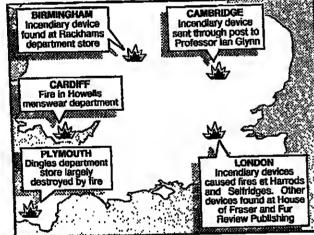
alternative methods of in-

vestigation using cell cultures.

Direct action, he argues, means there is no reliance oo difficult politicians or an apathetic public. He writes: "It really does seem that animal persecution is unlikely to be brought anywhere near its end without a large amount of

Mr Chris Fisher, the gen-eral secretary of the BUAV, said that the organization did not involve itself in any illegal activity and would not condone any action that possibly risked human life or injury.

Lee's argument was not a view he or the BUAV would



Appeal court ruling on Ulster inquest

RUC officers ordered to appear

Continued from page 1 ens to change procedures of similar inquiries involving deaths by members of the security forces by making it more likely they will give evidence in person rather than by a written statement on which they are not cross examined.

Nationalist politicans will want to see similar practises adopted at forthcoming in-quests involving the killing of eight Provisional IRA men and an innocent man by the SAS at Loughgall, Co Armagh, and the shooting of a man at an army checkpoint on the border in Co Tyrooc.

Yesterday's unanimous court judges overturns an earlier decision of Mr Justice Carswell that the policemen could oot be forced to give evidence at the inquest into the deaths of Gervase McKerr, aged 31, and Eugene Toman and Sean Burns, both aged 21, who died when their vehicle was riddled with 109 bullets fired by members of an RUC headquarters mobile support unit in November

The inquest has been sur-

it opened at Craigavon, Co Armagh, last month, only to be adjourned two-and-a-half days later after legal challenges from lawyers representing the dead men and a walkout by the families of two of the dead terrorists.

Mr James Elliot, the coroner, caused uproar when he accepted the unsworn statements of three RUC officers, known as witnesses A. B and C, even though they refused to attend the hearing. He also ruled that he had no power to compel them to attend.

But the three appeal court judgement by three appeal and ordered him to stop the current adjourned inquest, discharge the jury and start a fresh hearing.

Io a reserved judgement, the Lord Chief Justice and two colleagues said the fact that the three officers were suspected of having caused the deaths of the three men was oot a reasoo in law why they should not give evidence. The Lord Chief Justice said:

"As it is clear that the coroner gave its ruling. thinks that the A, B and C are necessary witnesses, it follows

that at the fresh inquest they will be compellable witnesses. and the fact that they are suspected of causing the deaths of the three deceased is not a reason in law why they should not be compelled to go into the witness box to be

"Bul upon being sworn it will be open to each of them, if

The Government's broadcasting ban on Sinn Fein and other Northern Ireland organizations is to be challenged in the courts by the National Union of Journalists. An application for leave to apply for judicial judges held that the coroner review of the ban was lodged with the High Court in London will be made in Belfast Page 2

> he wishes, to claim privilege against self incrimination." He refused an application

for leave to appeal to the House of Lords and said that for future inquests involving deaths by the security forces, the proper procedure for the corooer would be to adjourn the inquest until the court

Mr Scamus Mallon, Social Democratic and Lab-

or drizzle at times in the more exposed western areas and fog on hills. Northern Ireland and western parts of England and Wales will have a mainly cloudy day with light rain or drizzle on hills, with patchy fog. Mainly dry in eastern parts of

England and Wales. There will be a lot of cloud but the sun should break through at times. Outlook: changeable, with rain in many places. Windy, with gales at times in the north.

WEATHER

ment as far reaching, with implications for this particular inquest and others following shortly. He said: "I am very pleased indeed because 1 attended that inquest and was absolutely appalled at what was happening."

Speaking on the BBC Radio 4 World at One programme, be added: "The fact that the principal people were not there and they were oot available for cross examination by those representing the deceased made a charade out of the whole inquest. I think it debased and demeaned the whole process of justice."

The three Provisional IRA terrorists were shot dead on the outskirts of Lurgan as they allegedly drove through police vehicle checkpoint. Toman and Burns were suspected of planting an huge land mine on the shores of Lough Neagh where three RUC officers had been killed a month earlier.

10 1984 Sgt William Mootgomery, and constables David Brannigan and Frederick Robinson were acquitted of murdering Mr Toman.

Most of Scotland will have

a dry day with a little rain

Political sketch

There is nothing beyond our Ken

"With permission, Mr Spea-ker," said George Younger, the Defence Secretary. would like to make a statement about the replacement of the Chieftain tank."

There was an alarmed creaking sound oo the bench beside him. The Prime Mioister swivelled her turret round to face Mr Younger. He seemed to glance momentarily in her direction. "Chieftain entered service" he said in 1965. Although it continues to give excellent service..." a tremor quivered across Mrs Thatcher's gun-

emplacements..."it is now rather advanced in years, and technology in this field has moved ahead . . 1 have concluded" he continued "that Chieftain must be replaced". Only ears specially arruned to these frequencies heard the

low rumbling from ground due north of Mr Younger, occupied by the Prime Min-ister. "He has gone much, much too far" we thought. But he went further - and it was dynamite: in the interim, he said, he had decided to upgrade the armament of the "with an improved gun, known as CHARM." It was unchivalrous, it was gratu-itous and it was deeply

Mr Younger should take lessons from Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, who had faced Questions earlier. What an artist is Mr Baker! It was his task to soothe the fears of Labour's Elliot Morley (Glanford and Scunthorpe) that schools would lack teachers in key subjects.

"We have" Mr Baker replied "some tentative estimates... overall we expect 1990's, but that does, of shortages in particular sub-jects, which I have already acknowledged."

Think about it. "Overall . . teacher supply and demand in balance, but ... What that means is that there will be as many PT teachers with oo jobs to go to, as science-teaching vacancies with no applicants to fill them. Thanks, Ken! One looks forward to ordering roast pork, to be told that roast pork is off, that one is the ninth person to ask for it, that there are nine lemonmeringues left. So: "Overall,

the supply and demand of

meals is in balance." And the wondrous thing is that it is flipped so lightly off the racquet. You feel that it would make no difference what match, or for which particular team, he was playing: all would remain the ... And I can assure him that it will be broad and balanced" he told Calum MacDonald (Labour, Western Isles). He could as well have been handling the defence statement on new tanks. Their role, too, would be "broad and balanced". So

would the benefits-uprating set out later by ministers. In fact, everything, Mr Baker can (and one day may) assure us, will be "broad and balanced". For Mr Baker is a broad and balanced man, and this is the broadest and most baianced of all possible

He stared dreamily as John Butcher, a junior minister, waded into an ever-moretangled muddle about payments by parents for children's extra-curricular activities. He implied that parents existing tank by fitting it could pay, but provision for any child must not depend upon their having done so. This socialist-sounding rule was ettacked viciously from the right by Labour's Greville ents, he said, wanted to pay for extra janots for their children. Butcher countered by appearing to say that ooone was stopping them. To the Tories' Andrew MacKay (Berks E) he added that his

getting better. At this point the Democrats' Simon Hughes must have awoken, assumed Janteacher supply and demand ner to be a Toty, grasped the to be in balance during the wrong end of the stick, and attacked the Tories for makcourse, include particular ing educational provision depend oo parental payment. Which was what Butcher has said the Government wasn't doing. . . if you get my drift.

department's circulars were

The broadest and most balanced of all possible ministers gazed ioto space. Martin Flanoery barked routinely across at junior minister Angela Rumbold, Routinely, except that he apparently referred to her in the masculine gender.

It was not for Mrs Rumbold to declare that she is a lady. But we can. Matthew Parris

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Cruelty verdict on two

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thing badly needed for a long time. But, whatever legislative action is taken, there is always going to be a risk. One thing we must ensure is that social workers do have the resources to tackle the problems facing

 Legislatioo aimed at giving social workers the first clear framework in which to opcrate in child abuse cases was debated in the House of Lords last night.

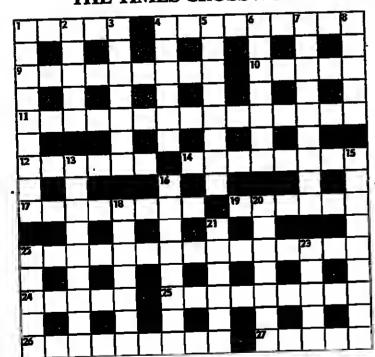
Ministers hope the new

powers under the Children important advance ... some- Bill will help to stem the rise in child cruelty among 40,000 young people on child

protection registers. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, and Mr David Mellor, the health mioister, introduced the new legislation, based oo the lessons of the Cleveland tragedy and the reports into the deaths of Jasmine Beckford, Kimberley Carlile and Tyra Henry.

The legislation should be on the statute book by early summer.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,858



ACROSS

1 The Fleet Street crowd (5). 4 No dogs are troubling this bird

9 Manufacturer's device to exchange foreign currency (9). 10 Cautiously advanced issue rejected by editor (5).

11 Is he unconsciously involved in the business? (8,7). 12 One pair of boys given a 1 ac

14 Lose the favour of a foreign goddess (8).

17 Protect against attack by future oight-fliers (8). 19 Said to be the vendor of a winestore (6).

22 Doctors observe river horse and chariot act mix-up (11,4). 24 A sign "To the Field of Know-ledge" (5).

25 Box with odd Scottish covering - part of the old theatre (9). 26 Being close together makes sense

27 It turns colour, once dressed (5).

Concise Crossword, page 18

1 Element which symbolically appears all right with oxygen (9). Delete article written in a form of Gaelic (5).

 Church feature quietly accepted by producer of The Tatler (7). 4 Hers is, we hear, not the least effective (6).

5 Fruit tree the other way round this day in May (3-5). 6 A place for birds to nest of

Craftily enlist aid to take property out of settlement (9). 8 Mathematical problem for Lady Godiva for instance (5). 13 Forthright verdict as given by

15 How rain falls to form hard wat-

16 A halo — or 6 Cockney's untidy lumber-room? (8). 18 Sir Thomas, writer about one sort of household help (7).

20 Reversion of property points to 8 swindler (7). 21 Investments frame-up exposing one to ridicule (6). 22 What Edmund Spenser in part

abborred (5).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the anguage jungle. Which of the ossible definitions is correct? essible definitions is correct?
WEANS AND BAIRNS By Philip Howard LOUP THE CUDDY a. Skipping ropes b. Leap frog c. Hopscatch KEEK AND HIDE z. Hopscotch b. Peek-a-bo c. Hide and seek PEEVER c. A marble HET Answers on page 18

Solution to Puzzle No 17,857 SOLD I ERON

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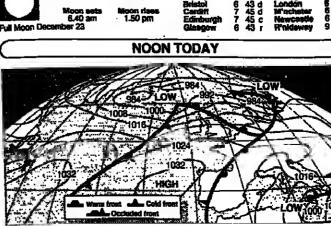
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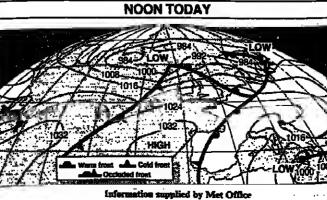


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TOWER BRIDGE

YESTERDAY





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Executive Editor David Brewerton

Lingfield site value 'to soar'

The Jockey Club and the Levy Board yesterday granted Lei-sure Investments, the new owner of Lingfield Park, permission to operate the race course as an all-weather track.

Mr Stephen Forsyth, the chairman of Leisure Investments, said the decision boosted the value of the site way beyond the £7 million he naid for it in the autumn He said: "I've turned down offers in excess of two and a half times that amount."

Sport, page 29 Readicut call

Readicut International, the textiles group, is launching a £26 million rights issue to finance the purchase of Visscher Group, a Dutch car-pet manufacturer, at two new shares at 48p for every five existing shares. The deal is subject to shareholders' approval at a meeting on January 5. Tempus, page 22

In the black

Borthwicks, the food manufacturer and trader, has swung from £2.2 million pre-tax losses into pre-tax profits of £1 million for the year ended October 2. It is paying a final dividend of 0.5p a share, making 1p for the year. Tempus, page 22

STOCK MARKETS
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US: Prime Rate 10%%
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ECD expects high inflation and slower growth

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21 1988

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development expects Britain's inflation rate to stay high for some time, in spite of a sharp slow-down in growth. It also forecasts a continued worsening of the balance of payments deficit during the next two years.

Treasury officials pointed out that since the forecast had been completed monetary pulicy had been further tightened by the increase in interest rates. But they acknowledged that the OECD expected inflation to fall more slowly than was implied in the Autumn Statement by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson.

The Paris-based forecasters expect Britain's economic growth to slow down from only 2 per cent in 1990. This will cause unemployment to increase again the year

Inflation is expected to peak sooner than the Government expects, but take longer to fall. The OECD sees the underlying rate of inflation as having already peaked in the second half of this year, with the GDP deflator at 6½ per cent. But it is not expected to fall to 5½ per cent before the second half of 1990. This compares with the Treasury's forecast of 5 per cent for 1989 as a whole.

The current account deficit is forecast to reach about £13 billion this year, using to £14.5 billion next year and £16 billion the year after. The OECD is more pessimistic than the Treasury about exports, because of the delayed effects on competitiveness of a firmer pound. It expects exports to rise 4 per cent in volume next year, compared with the Government estimate of 51/2 per

November money supply figures 'are encouraging'

The November money supply data, published by the Bank of England yesterday, continued the run of figures helpful to the Chancellor's view that overheating pressures in the economy are easing (David Smith writes). Bank and Treasury officials said that the slowdown in bank and building society lending from £6.1 hillion in October to £5.6 billion last month was encouraging, but gave a warning against reading too much into the data.

The growth rate for broad money, M4, was 0.4 per cent, for a 12-month increase of 17.6 per cent, compared with 17.4 per cent

The targeted money measure, narrow money M0, rose by 0.2 per cent last month, for a 12-month growth rate of 7.9 per cent, up from 7.7 per cent in October and well above the 1 to 5 per cent target range.

But the Bank's weekly returns in December suggest that M0 growth may have slowed, although comparisons with last year have been rendered difficult because there are more full weeks in the lending data from the Banking Information Service of the clearing banks showed an underlying rise of £1.8 billion last month, down from £2.8 billion in October.

Personal lending, for both mortgages and other types of spending, picked up strongly, and accounted for around twothirds of the lending total. But lending in both categories was sharply down on levels during the summer.

This was confirmed in the latest quarterly analysis of clearing bank lending, which showed an underlying £8.4 billion rise in the September-November period, compared with £10 billion in the previous three months. Personal lending fell from £5.3 billion to £3.2 billion.

NatWest was told of County shareholding

Bank was fully informed of the large position in Blue Arrow shares taken by its investment banking subsidiary, County Nat-West, which is now the subject of a Department of Trade and Industry

NatWest directors were told by County from the start about the 9.5 per cent position which the merchant bank took in Blue Arrow shares in September last year. The relationship of the bank to its subsidiary demanded that the parent should be told about any large exposures undertaken by County.

NatWest directors were also aware that the total position was divided between County's banking operation and its securities trading operation. Because the holding was split in two, with neither portion above the 5 per cent disclosure limit, County did not make the holding public.

Legal advice taken by the investment bank suggested there was nothing illegal in dividing up a large share stake without disclosing the holdadvice and also accepted it.

Widespread criticism after Blue Arrow holding prompted NatWest to examine the deal adviser alongside County placed."

By David Brewerton, Richard Thomson and Cliff Feltham National Westminster in more detail. It carried out NatWest, said that no aptwo investigations into the

Blue Arrow share placing. It is understood the results of the first internal inquiry were sent to the Bank of England hut it was considered it failed to get to the bottom of

NatWest decided that only a high level investigation would satisfy the authorities and called in its deputy chairman Sir Philip Wilkinson to conduct an investigation. His report, which was sent to the Bank and then to the Department of Trade and Industry, led to Lord Young's decision to appoint inspectors.

denied there had been two entirely separate investiga-tions. "Any earlier report would have been incorporated by Sir Philip in his own findings," a spokesman said. It emerged yesterday that fully informed of the progress of the investigation, should

answered all questions. ing. Board members of unsuccessful £837 million department but throug NatWest were told of this rights issue by Blue Arrow to corporate finance arm. help pay for Manpower.

In a separate development

proach had been made to them by the Stock Exchange, Bank of England, or DTI concerning their part in the

share placing. Mr Geoffrey Redman-Brown, a Phillips & Drew director, said he could not comment on hearsay after allegations by a former employee that the broker's attempt at placing a large block of Blue Arrow shares may not have been as successful as first

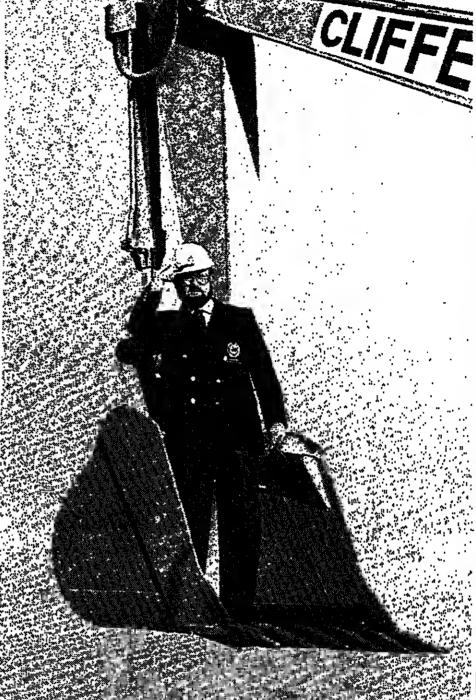
The rights issue was taken up by only 48.9 per cent of shareholders. However, Phillips & Drew was congratulated Last night County NatWest when 80 salesmen took just two hours to place £440 million of stock at a slight premium to the issue price.

A former Phillips & Drew employee yesterday claimed a large amount of Blue Arrow stock was in fact absorbed by NatWest was very surprised the broker's parent, Union that the DTI, which it kept Bank of Switzerland.

He also claimed that "millions of shares" were then call in its own inspectors. It dribbled back on the London felt the Wilkinson inquiry market over the next three to four weeks. He said the trans-Coonty NatWest's share action was not carried out stake was a result of the through the normal equity unsuccessful £837 million department but through the

Mr Redman-Brown said: "All I can say is that we County revealed the size of its Phillips & Drew, the broker, advertised at the time that the which acted as Blue Arrow stock had been successfully

De Savary's salute to a new port



Mr Peter de Savary, chairman of Highland Participants, chooses a novel viewpoint to observe the start of work by his company yesterday on an £80 million container and bulk cargo port on the Isle of Grain, Kent. The site was formerly a BP oil refinery.

Plessey fails to block GEC bid By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Plessey's High Court attempt to block the £1.7 billion hostile hid from Lord Weinstock's General Electric Com-pany (GEC) and West Ger-

many's Siemens has failed. Plessey later decided not to go to the Court of Appeal. This means that a decision on whether the bid is anticompetitive and breaches the Treaty of Rome will be made by the European Commission. GEC and Siemens are now expected to issue an offer

document this week. Last night Plessey said it would be approaching the Commission today to ask it to exercise its interim measures powers, which could halt the bid until the Commission completes its investigations. This is unlikely to stop the issuing of the offer document, hecause the Commission could be expected to make such a decision next month.

Whether that action could halt the hid so long that it would lapse under bid timetable regulations would depend on how long the Commission took to investi-gate fully. GEC and Siemens believe the Commission and the Office of Fair Trading can bring in decisions within the likely timetable of the bid.

Mr Stephen Walls, Plessey's managing director, said last night that the court hearing had established Plessey had an arguable case on illegality on mission would have to pronounce. He said: "We are pleased that the court vindicated Plessey's concern about the legality of the bid."

Giving his decision, Mr Justice Morritt said that it was "inconceivable" that any restructuring of Plessey consequent on a successful takeover would go ahead without the Commission's blessing. Plessey's suhmission that it might be "swallowed up and dismembered" before the Commission could give its clearance was "unrealistic."

Ex-Boesky man in Cambrian talks

By Maria Scott

hopes to use his old connection to make a better offer for Cambrian & General Securi-ties than the bid by Leucadia National Corporation, a New York company.

Talks are under way between Mr Lessman and Cambrian's adviser, SG Warburg. Cambrian is a former vehicle of Boesky's and faces claims arising from his involvement.

"I would not say I was in a unique position but I lived through those events," Mr Lessman said after Cambrian's annual meeting in London. He said he had a personal commitment to the company. "This is not just another deal for me." Mr Lessman, who holds

about 5 per cent in Cambrian and was involved with managing the company from his days as research director for Boesky, believes the connection puts him in a superior position to fight the claims. He is discussing with War- prices".

Mr Lance Lessman, a former burg the possibility of making employee of Ivan Boesky, an offer to Cambrian shareholders which would give them a "significant cash component" plus an equity stake in Cambrian afterwards.

Mr Lessman says he would also hope to offer shareholders an exit route, possibly through winding up the investment trust. But in the meantime he would expect to have won advantageous settlements in the hitigation. He admits that having

worked for Bocsky, a con-victed insider dealer, is "an unfortunate albatross" around his neck. Leucadia is offering 108p cash for each ordinary share

and 120p for the capital shares. These prices compare with estimated net asset values at November 30 of 129.25p for the ordinary and 170.14p for the capital shares. In the rejection document, Mr David Hobson, chairman of Cambrian, describes the offers as "bargain basement

Australian has 6% of

Mr Robert Holmes à Court. the Australian businessman has emerged as the holder of a 6.11 per cent stake in Christies International, the auction house. The news sent Christics shares ahead 37p to 645p.

Mr Christopher Davidge, who becomes managing director in the new year, was not uncomfortable about his new shareholder. "He's a person known to us as a serious art buyer," he said.

Carisbrook was first tracked

down on the share register some weeks ago. The Christies share price has been rising lately and was 585p early last week, suggesting Mr Holmes à Court may already be sitting on a substantial paper profit. Mr Davidge said: "We're a public company. It's part of the tapestry of life."

Christies

By Martin Waller

The stake, held by Mr Holmes à Court's Carisbrook Holdings UK vehicle as of last Friday, was flushed out by Christies, using a section 212 notice.

Tiphook aims to double ICI and Wellcome sell fleet after rise to £4.5m

By Our City Staff

leasing group pushed pre-tax is up 30 per cent at 2.15p. profits ahead from £2.6 milion to £4.5 million in the half year to end-October, on turnover up from £28.2 million to

£45.1 million. The figures show no benefit from the Rentco International trailer group purchase last month. Mr Montague said further growth would most likely be organic, with plans to double the company's trailer

fleet over the next five years. The profits advance in part reflected a more even distribution of profits between the two

Mr Robert Montague's Tip- halves of the financial year, he hook container and trailer added. The interim dividend

Integration of Rentco was now largely complete, with 70 jobs lost, at a cost of little more than £1 million, already paid back from rationalization, said Mr Montague. The company has 29 per

cent of the European trailer market and 25 per cent in this country. "We see no necessity to look to increase our market share. Maintaining it in a growth business would be very, very exciting," said Mr

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veterinary company

and Wellcome have sold Coo-pers Animal Health, their jointly owned veterinary ph accuticals market is h pharmaceuticals group, to a United States company.

The price of the disposal to Pitman-Moore, a subsidiary of International Minerals and Chemicals Corporation was not disclosed, but is thought to be about £100

The disposal came as a surprise to Grampian Holdings, the Scottish knitwear-toanimal health group which had been interested in acquir-

Imperial Chemical Industries and combining it with its own

The UK veterinary pharmaceuticals market is highly fragmented, with Cooper the market leader with a 15 per cent share. Pitman-Moore, which bought Glaxo's animal health businesses this year, is reckoned to have 7 per cent.

Cooper was formed by a merger in 1984 of the two pharmaceutical groups' veterinary interests and has a worldwide turnover of nearly £200 million and operating profit of about £10 million. Net assets were £70 million in ing Cooper, if it was for sale, the year ended August 1988.

Wonder share back in the headlines at Christmas as bid battle is waged

TNT embarks on Poseidon adventure

By Colin Campbell

Poscidon, Christmas, and ships that turn upside down are becoming

synonymous. It was in December 1969, that the Australian wonder share, then a nickel operation, caught the world's imagination and was bid up in worldwide fever from a September price of five shiftings (25p) to £130 in less than six months.

It was the share that housewives spent their housekeeping on, and whose dash for the skies made news bullctins worldwide. Its stock exchange crash was equally spectacular, leading to an Australian

quiry and broken hearts and pockets.
But down the years, the share has retained an element of glamour. Christmas 1988, another showing on TV of The Poseidon Adventure last Saturday - and Poseidon is back in

Federal Senate select committee in-

been re-born on its gold exploration leases as a red-blooded mining group, and, after a recent asset sale to Mr Alan Bond, is now a cash jewel box.

This time round the Poseidon adventure is a takeover. Australia's TNT Group - best known for its international transport operations has gone into battle with a counter-bid for Poseidon which is worth Aus\$2.45 (£1.14) cash for each share.

The rationale is that TNT wants cash, and is thus trying to see off Normandy Resources, an Australian mining group, which already owns 20 per cent and has offered Aus\$2.25 cash and a 4.5 per cent preference share with a nominal value of Aus\$2.75 for every two shares in

Normandy's offer gives a notional valuation of Aus\$2.50 for each Po-

the news. In the intervening years it seidon share, though in cash and has stood on the edge of receivership, paper. The chairman of both Poseidon and

Normandy is Mr Robert Champion de Crespigny, who, through a series of corporate deals in Australia, is not unassociated with the South African mining magnate Mr Harry Oppenbeiner and in turn Anglo American Group. In some eyes, Mr de Crespigny is the Sir Michael Edwardes of Australia.

Poseidon and Mr de Crespigny were the bidders last June for Anglo American Pacfic, the Australian gold exploration arm of Anglo American, and there are cross-holdings between Poseidon, Anglo and Normandy.

It was widely thought that, had Minorco (60 per cent controlled by De Beers and Anglo America) succeeded in its earlier bid for Consolidated Gold Fields, then Poseidon, Normandy and Mr de Crespigny would have played a part in any carve-up of ConsGold's Australian interests.

TNT's bid is conditional on its securing 50.1 per cent of Poseidon; that the gold price does not fall below \$390 an ounce (current price \$412.90); and that Australia's All Ordinaries Index does not fall below 1,375 (it was at 1.459.9 before the

TNT offer). Poseidon shares closed at Aus\$2.30 ahead of the midnight bid, and because of the pure cash element TNT tells shareholders that its offer is "substantially more generous" than the Normandy offer.

Poseidon has cash holdings of at least Aus\$200 million and effective ownership of 214,000 ounces of gold due to deliver over six years having sold its stake in Kalgoorlie Lake View to Mr Alan Bond. As such, it would be a useful Christmas present for anybody's stocking.

NOTICE TO BANKOFIRELAND **ACCESS** CARDHOLDERS

ALTERATION TO INTEREST RATES

Bank of Ireland wish to announce that the Rate of Interest chargeable on its Sterling Access Accounts will be increased from 1.75% per month (APR 23.16%) to 1.90% per month (APR 25.30%) with effect from 4th

January 1989. All cash advances will be charged at the new rate from that date.

Conditions of Use of Bank of Ireland Access Cards are hereby amended accordingly.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Smiths Industries in \$53.5m acquisition

Smiths Industries has added to its expanding US operations with the \$53.5 million (£29 million) acquisition of Times Microwave Systems, of Wallingford, California. Times supplies a variety of equipment, including cabling and connectors, for microwave transmission systems. It is expected to produce pre-tax profits of \$5.7 million in calendar 1988, on sales of \$28 million. Assets bought are valued at \$26

Times will fit into Smiths' industrial products division, within a group of companies which provide interconnecting equipment for electrical, electronic and hydraulic systems. The purchase requires the blessing of US anti-trust

BSG expands London sales in Germany

BSG International, the Birmingham motor dealer and components maker, is expanding into prams and pushchairs, through the acquisition of Teutonia, a German company, for 19.64 million marks (£6.16 million). A goodwill element of DM15.92 million which can be written off over 15 years is included, and BSG will also take on Tentonia's debt of DM2.5 million.

worth £27m

erty developer, has sold its 31,500 sq ft office dev-elopment in Victoria, London SW1, for £19 million. The offices have been acquired for investment clients of American Express Bank. In another deal, City Site Estates sold the long leasehold on a building in Mount Street, W1, for £4.5 million, and a property in Conduit Street for £4 million.

BET in £24m deal

BET has acquired Pritchard Janitorial Supplies from ADT for a total cost of £24 million in cash, including the repayment

PJS's principal business is the warehousing and distribu-tion of branded hygiene products to industrial and commercial customers. It has grown rapidly since being established 12 years ago and is the largest company in its field, with a turnover of about £30 million. It is based at Heathrow and has a national network of 29 depots, from which it distributes its product range to 26,000 customers.

Chemicals firm ahead

Disruption at Sutcliffe Speakman's carbon plant at Leigh, Lancashire, as part of cost the specialist chemicals

could be in a year-end rally.

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Braithwaite up to £1.8m

Braithwaite, the engineering group, saw pre-tax profits double, from £905,000 to abling of output there, £1.82 million, in the six months to end-September, group between £300,000 and after higher interest charges £500,000 during the six trimmed a 156 per cent months to end-September, trading profit increase to but the company still in £2.47 million. Braithwaite is creased pre-tax profits by shortly to announce the sale almost 11 per cent to of its SPP Pumps subsidiary. £633,000. There is to be no The interim dividend is 1p. interim dividend payment to while the shares advanced

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Simon in £10.5m buy

Simon Engineering is buying the Holder Pamac group for £10.5 million, of which £3.5 million is deferred for up to four years. The initial consideration of £7 million will be satisfied by the issue of 2.6 million shares, of which 1.8 million will be placed to raise cash of approximately £4.9 million for the

Holder Pamac designs and builds paper mills, as well as extending and refurbishing existing facilities. In 1987 the group had a pre-tax profit of £1.1 million on a turnover of £13 million, and net assets of £2.5 million.

WALL STREET

New York (Rester) - Blue . Hong Kong - Share prices chips made strong gains in closed mixed in light trading, early trading, leading some as investors left the market

brokers to say the market ahead of Christmas and New

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markets, highly efficient in its own right and capable of City Gate Estates, the propgenerating more throughput inside the group. It could add a worthwhile workload in time to Readicut's Drake Fi-bres operations which make the raw materials it needs aplenty. Visscher's products also fit well with Readicut's and are well understood by Readicut's management. The deal scores high marks for style and presentation. It does not rate so highly for

its financial impact. Some analysts see earnings dilution both in the year to March 1989, and more heavily in the trading period ending in 1990. The dilution is a function of the modest rating traditionally

afforded to Readicut and the textiles sector generally. Visscher comes in on a price/earnings multiple of no more than nine. Good value maybe, but more highly rated

was the kind of deal that had

to be done. The new manage-

ment has worked wonders to

transform an ailing company

that had lost its way. But Readicut badly needed a

stage had to be Europe.

Readicut's Dutch acquisition hike in Readicut's gearing, rising anyway thanks to some long-sighted capital expenditure projects. By the year-end the debt to net assets ratio may well be in the 35 to 40 per ceot area, but a far cry from the sub-20 per cent level seen

move on to a bigger stage. For a business with a sizeable list of commercial customers that Neither the dilutive influeoce nor the impact on Visscher Group is a good borrowings is likely to worry Readicut holders overmuch. choice, too. Its plant is mod-ern, handily placed for the West German and French But they take a little of the shine off the deal.

at the start of the year.

With Visscher making only a part contribution this year, profits are likely to emerge in the region of £20 million. giving earnings per share of about 8p. The dilutive effects of the deal mean that earnings growth will appear sluggish m the next financial year, all other things being equal.

Most of the pluses and

hefty discount built into the terms of the rights issue to finance the acquisition.

The new stock is being offered at 48p. With the shares trading at 58p, down only 4p from the overnight level yesterday, the market has taken a

positive view in the light of

minuses are reflected in the

past management successes. Tiphook

Tiphook's disastrous flotation in 1985, with 85 percent of the £6 millioo issue left with the co starts to chip in. than Readicut's own paper. It underwriters, was followed by will also contribute to a sharp explosive growth which sug- that more than half the profits downturn in the economy.

TEMPUS

that the chairman, Robert Montague, was going for world domination.

Since then the signs are that Tiphook has scaled back its plans to more modest levels. So wheo it announced its biggest corporate move last month with the purchase of Rentco Internacional, involving the issue of the equivalent of two-thirds of its existing equity, the shares actually managed to rise a few pence.

Pre-tax profits, up 73 per cent to £4.5 million in the halfyear to end-October, with no benefit from the Rentco acquisition, are somewhat confused by a trend towards a more even distribution of earnings in the two halves of the year which will become more pronounced once Rent-

Another effect of Rentco is by hedging, and to a general

are changing haods at a little more than 10 times earnings. at vesterday's price, un-changed at 418p. Market profit forecasts are for £29 million next year. £17 million from the original business, £7 million from Rentco and the balance from the benefits of the merger. This points to an earnings multiple of little more than 7.5 times. The

shares have considerable long-**Borthwicks**

Borthwicks, like Old Father Time, is about to dust off its old image and adopt a new

The profits recovery and new life for which investors have waited so long has at last arrived, with 1988 results showing a pre-tax profit of £1 million, compared with a previous £2.2 million pre-tax

Borrowings, which once threatened to drown this com-pany, have one been climinated, and there is net cash in the bank.

rowings, set to grow to £330 million by the financial year-New management is inend, or just under four times stalled and is full of fresh shareholders' funds, and covered 1.5 times by earnings.

It is more likely to be in the second half, rather than in the first, that the benefits of the

Readicut takes bigger stage in style None the less, on ao easily this early stage pre-tax profits achievable £18 million pre-tax of a base £1.5 million looks forecast this year, the shares likely in 1989.

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Having applied the knife, Borthwicks is now a smaller operation, with reduced overheads, and a more manageable

geographical spread. But it is also more compact, and having held on to the more successful operations and curtailed losses, Borthwicks is possed to capitalize on its strong points — ingredients and speciality food businesses.

An investment decisioo over its Mango project (a patented meat process, on which more than £2.5 million has been spent, and which now needs a substantial capital injection if it is to move forward) should have been taken by the time the interim

report is to hand. Meanwhile, the significant shareholder Whitburgh Investments, (holder of 22 per cent), has moved on to the board in an executive capac-

This is a move which should be good for Borthwicks but will knock whatever plans Polly Peck might have had. In recent mooths, Polly Peck has built up a 4.2 per cent

stake, probably in the hopes that the Whitburgh holding was for sale.

At 47p on a p/e rating of 11.75, the shares should, by this time next year, prove to group's new fire will be ev- have been cheap at today's ident in profits, but even of levels.

The board is encouraged by

Increased numbers using private investor plan and hopes for more savers in future.

advance in profits and earnings

Negotiations for the purchase

of two well-established retail outlets are at an advanced

Textron bids £125m for Avdel

By Wolfgang Münchau

The future of Avdel, the British fastening systems producer, became increasingly uncertain as Textron, the US aerospace conglomerate, launched a £125 millioo takeover bid, offering 92p cash a share.

Although the offer has been recommended by the Avdel board, the bid battle for Avdel could still end in stalemate, since the rival Banner Industries, the US industrial group headed by Mr Jeffrey Steiner, instantly rejected the offer, Banner cootrols 43.26 per cent of Avdel's voting stock and said it would press on with its own, lower 88p hostile offer, which is final and expires oo December 30.



Steiner: offer rejected that its offer would be dependent on acceptance by Banner.

The decision to drop the limiting clause was reached in oegotiations between Avdel, Textroo emerged as the Textroo and Schroders, the mystery bidder at the end of merchant bank advising Tex-

offers are now dependent on acceptances of more than 50 per cent, but City analysts ner's lower offer remain doubtful whether, in avoid a deadlock. the light of Banner's stake and Textroo's higher offer, any party will be able to reach the

necessary 50 per cent level. Avdel's shares rose only 1p to 89p on the oews, reflecting market scepticism about Textron's 92p offer.

Avdel and Textron claim the support of 34.77 per cent of institutional shareholders. Avdel's management speaks for another 2 per cent, including options, as a result of which Avdel and Textron would need to pursuade at least 13.25 per cent of the remaining 20 per cent shareholders to accept the offer.

last week, but at first insisted tron, late on Monday. Both complicates the position of chief executive, would stay.

undecided and uncommitted shareholders. Some back Banner's lower offer simply to

will come from the trailer ren-

tal side. Mr Montague is talk-

ing about doubling his trailer

fleet over the next five years,

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organically and without re-

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trend towards rental business.

the original core business, is

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The City has been concern-

ed by Tiphook's level of bor-

Other worries are exposure to

rising interest rates and a fal-

ling dollar, although restricted

the Far East producers.

The container operation,

If Textroo wins, Banner would have the consolation of a £6 millioo profit on its holding. A Textron-Avdel link-up would create one of the world's largest industrial fastening systems makers. Textroo leads in the US, with sales of \$307 million (£168 million), which would rise to about \$450 million if it won Avdel. Both companies have co-operative agreements. Textroo said it plans to help Avdel expand into the Japanese market, which represents 14 per cent of Avdel's business.

It is understood that if Textron succeeds, Avdel's manage-The prospect of a deadlock ment, led by Mr John Marley,

at 256p, Premier Consolidated

and Ultramar 4p to 277p, but

Rank Organisation, the lei-

Shell eased 31/2p to 340p.

a two-day gain of 20p.

per share 12p to 58.2p.

De La Rue, the security

Bishopsgate Investment

reports that a line of one

Trust, jumped 16p to 420p on revived bid hopes. The

speculation was intensified by

million shares went through

cent stake through

the market at 425p.

printer where Mr Robert Maxwell holds a 14,93 per

COMPANY BRIEFS

F&C SMALLER COS (Int) Pre-tax: 21.06 (£0.78)m EPS: 0.83 (0.60)p Div: 0.4 (0.34)p

TOTAL SYSTEMS (Int) Pre-tax: £0.05 (£0.48)m EPS; 0.37 (3.31)p

PHILIP HARRIS HLD.(Int) Pre-tax: £0.45 (£0.59)m EPS: 3.71 (5.77)p

ABERDEEN PET. (Int) Pre-tax: 20.33m loss EPS: 0.42p loss

Group will be starting 1989 In a strong position.

1987 pre-tax loss £0.02m.

1987 loss per share 0.05p.

STOCK MARKET

Better economic news brings a little cheer to share prices

● Tokyo - The Nikkei index dex reached a 1988 high of closed 31.23 bigher at 1,336.77, before closing 17.06 Share prices in Loodon achieved some modest gains in thin trading during the final run-up to Christmas, drawing inspiratioo from better-thanexpected economic news on both sides of the Atlantic.

Further indications that Mr Lawsoo's measures to curb consumer credit and the rise io infladon are starting to bite were provided by the November money supply figures. Bank lending rose £5.6 billion, compared with the previous month's £6.1 billion, MO, the narrow measure of money, rose 0.2 per cent to an annual rate of 7.9 per cent - but it is still above the Government's origioal target.
In New York, the consumer

prices index turned out to be in line with expectations, helping the Dow Jones industrial

Grand Metropolitan, which has just won control of Pillsbury, the US food group - including Burger King and Jolly Green Giant - after a long struggle, was a weak market, falling 6p to 424p. Pilisbury secondquarter figures show earnings per share falling from 84 cents to 52 cents. average to establish an early

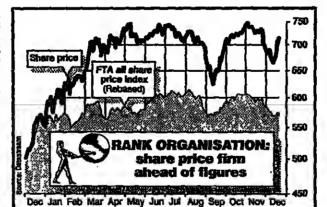
The total of Alpha and Beta shares traded in London was 454.5 million. The figure was boosted by some fund managers tidying up their year-end positions. The FT-SE 100 closed 6.9 ahead at 1,777.4, having been 11.1 up at its best. Dealers claim the 1,780 level could prove a testing time for the market. Io the past, it bas often proved a barrier ro further progress.

The narrower FT 30 rose 3.7 to 1.438.3. Government securities closed with gains stretching to £1/2

at the longer end, helped by the latest economic statistics. The dollar's rise against the pound came as good news to exporters, who have seen their competitive edge worn down

in recent mooths. They will also be cheered by the comments of currency experts at Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, who are forecasting that the pound will be trading as low as \$1.60 in 1989.

Modest gains were seen at ICI (8p to 993p), Glaxo (21p to £10.38). Wellcome (6p to 410p), British Aerospace (3p to 428p) and Jaguar (2p to



One of the best moves of the sessioo was seen at Christies International, the fine art auctioneer, which jumped 37p to 645p as Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian husinessman, emerged with a

sizeable holding. Carisbrook Holdings UK, his privately-owned company, has bought 2 million shares, or 6.11 per cent, at prices be-lieved to be less than £6 a

After last night's surge in the Christies share price, he is believed to be sitting on a profit of about £1 million Christies said Caledonia

Investments, controlled by the Cayzer shipping family, has also increased its holding in the company to 2.17 million shares, or 6.37 per cent. It is thought Cayzer has picked up the shares recently sold by Phillips Son & Neale.

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this could be the prelude to a battle for control of Christies, which is oo newcomer to takeover talk. However, the Cavzers have always insisted their holding is a long-term investment. Caledonia recovered an initial fall to finish unchanged at 357p.

The oil sector recovered some of its composure after Monday's shake out in the wake of Lasmo's sale of its 25 per cent stake in Enterprise Oil to Elf Aquitaine, the French state-owned oil group. appointed by the terms, which

Dealers were clearly diswere below most estimates. Elf added to market gloom by agreeing to a one-year coolingoff period. However, hopes remain

high that Elf will eventually make a hid for the rest of the shares - possibly once the Government's golden share option has expired. Enterprise rallied 8p to

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Machine and FU's. ALPHA STOCKS Camford Engineering enjoyed another bout of specu-Val '000 Val '000 lative buying, climbing 4p to 176p on the news that 1,311 1,255 405 1,504 3,239 1,254 1,124 1,118 2,624 1,118 2,625 2,403 1,755 1,115 2,403 2,403 2,403 2,403 2,704 2, Markbeath Securities, the British investment arm of Mr John Spaivins, the Australian entrepreneur, had raised its stake to 2.09 million shares, or 11 per ceot of the equity. STC Stan Chart Storehae Sun Alince T & N Mr David Abell's Suter fell 3p to 189p as the agreed bid by Thomson T-Line was allowed to lapse. Thomson is oow the Tarmac Tete & Lyle Teylor Wood TSB target itself of a bid by

Sema, the electronics group, cootinued to reel from Monday's profits warning, with a fail of 120 at 286p. The shares have fallen 39p in two days.

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Group remains in a strong position and is ready to grasp the opportunities which exist in the market. Board hopeful of further

from the strong trading base now established.

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SECURITY ARCHIVES (Int) Pre-tax: £0.41 (£0.32)m EPS: 4.8 (4.4)p

The chairman looks forward to announcing a further increase in turnover and profits for

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tracker funds were launched, UK and US funds from Mor-

than £1,000 million a month.

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Blow to unit trusts as new investment 'drops 30%'

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

The unit trust industry suf-fered another dismal month in November with net new investment down nearly 30 per cent, according to the Unit Trust Association.

The UTA is to consider a generic advertising campaign to boost sales at its executive meeting next month.

This would involve a levy on UTA members. Mr Bill Stuttaford, the chairman, said: "I don't think a small-scale campaign would be worth-

But he admitted that his

The difficulty with a generic campaign is that the larger groups such as M&G would rather spend money advertising their own products - and without the support of the large groups, an industry-wide campaign is doomed.

Fidelity has always been a keen supporter of a generic advertising campaign, "It must be possible to devise a way to pay for it other than by while. It is a good time to do funds under management, some type of generic such as increases in sales following the campaign," said Miss Mary Blair, of Fidelity.

own money was on deposit Mr Michael Short, of Hill management dropped from gan Grenfell and American In-and he would not blame the Samuel Unit Trust Managers, £42,271 million to £41,460 dex Fund from James Capel.

public for fighting shy of stock market investments.

Said: "We would support a generic campaign, but I'm not stock market which fell about the difficulty with a generic the life companies 3.5 per cent last month.

Redemptions of unit trusts last month climbed to £553.3 million - the highest since £12.7 million after the shares March - prompted by high in-terest rates on offer from vestment was running at more building societies and banks, and continuing uncertainty over equity market prospects.

November sales of unit trusts rose to £718.6 million from £630.3 million in Octoher, resulting in a fall in net new investment from £234.8 million to £165.3 million.

The value of funds under

Ashtead to pay £5.8m for Reliant

Ashtead Group is acquiring Reliant Plant, a company also specializing in plant hire, for an initial £5.79 million. The price will be satisfied by the issue of 1.89 million new shares at 240p a share and loan ootes with a nominal value of £1.25 million.

In addition, a further 1.1 million new shares, raising £2.7 million, will be issued to cover acquisition expenses and provide additional work-

ing capital. Almost all the new shares have been conditionally placed with institutions, subject to clawback. Sharehnlders are being offered the right to take up shares at the placing price of 240p a share, on the basis of one new ordinary for every five held.

Woolwich rise

The Woolwich Building Society has increased its investment rates by between 0.5 and 0.85 per cent. Top rate on the 90-day notice Premium Investment Account is 10.25 per cent net for more than £40,000 and 10 per cent for more than £20,000, whilethe instant access account pays 9.25 per cent on more than £20,000, all with interest credited

TRN takeover Thomson Regional Newspapers has applied for govern-

ment permission to buy Sharman Newspapers, which has titles in East Anglia and the East Midlands. Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, has given third parties until January 4 to comment on the proposed takeover.

Barclays stake Barclays Bank is selling its 20 per cent stake in Union Bank of Nigeria through an offer for sale to the Nigerian public expected to take place early next year.

Hanson sale Hanson has sold Lowfield Distribution, the distribution and storage business acquired with Imperial Group, to a management team led by Mr

John Toyne for £10.7 million. Talks ended

Bristar, the food division of S&W Berisford, has called off talks with Valhi Inc coocerning the possible acquisition of an interest in its subsidiary, Amalgamated Sugar.

COMMENT

Pessimistic line from the Treasury in exile

Organization for Economic Co-Organization and Development once known as the Treasury in exile are probably quite enjoying a mild reproof at the UK's expense. The top echelons at the Treasury have never concealed their view that the OECD is full of closet Keynesians who have not quite taken on board the Thatcherite revolution.

Now, the OECD in its half-yearly Economic Outlook is forecasting more persistent inflation than the Chancellor in his autumn statement, and a current account deficit which moves in the wrong direction. Admittedly this appears to have been projected before the latest rise in interest rates, The further tightening of monetary policy is likely to squeeze inflation out that much faster and to slow the growth in imports, giving the balance of payments a more palatable flavour. The OECD is also quite bullish about investment.

Nevertheless, although growth is expected to slow to only 2 per cent in 1990, the Paris-based forecasters expect underlying inflation, as measured by the GDP deflator, to be still above 5 per cent by the end of 1990. And although Britain's export markets will although Britain's export markets will grow quite fast, the delayed effect of lower competitiveness as the pound has strengthened is forecast to handi-

The slightly gloomy prognosis for

ome of the older hands at the Britain is in striking contrast to the message on the rest of the world. Like everyone else, the OECD severely underestimated growth in the world economy earlier this year and has had to revise up its forecasts substantially. Growth in developed countries next year is now expected to average 31/4 per cent, compared with 21/2 per cent forecast in June. The OECD says hopefully that this provides a wonderful opportunity for governments to take those decisions on structural economic improvements which were too difficult when growth was slower.

The negative side is that faster growth increases the risk of higher inflation, which the OECD expects to accelerate among its member countries from 3½ per cent to 4 per cent next year. It also continues to be pessimistic about how fast the trade imbalances between the leading economies can be reduced. A small fall is expected in the US deficit and the Japanese surplus, but the German surplus goes the wrong way with an increase from \$45 billion to \$52 billion over the next two years. The OECD has, however, been overpessimistic on this score before.

The challenge for British industry is to prove the OECD wrong, by taking advantage of buoyant export markets to switch sales from a gradually squeezed domestic market to buvers

ickers still faces challenge

ickers is looking less of a likely takeover bid target this morning, after the Ministry of Defence decision to choose the British maker's new version of its Challenger tank rather than the MIAI Abrams built by General Dynamics of the US.

But Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, is still sitting there with with an 8.65 per cent stake in Vickers, eyeing the company's potential break-up value. And he could well hold on because Vickers is still on trial with its new tank.

Government funding for the Chal-lenger project is limited to the so-called demonstration phase for developing the new tank, lasting until 1990. So if by then Vickers has not demonstrated that it has surmounted the development hurdles the project might still be aborted

in favour of the Americans. The Vickers interims in the autumn were disappointing, but that was mainly because of non-recurring costs, includ-ing funding the new Challenger dev-

elopment. Currency could continue to prove a difficulty but the City is still looking for £60 million or so pre-tax for the full year, only slightly down on the last full year.

Some are pencilling in £70 million for 1989. That might prove conservative because capacity increases are coming through at Howson Algraphy, and Rolls-Royce motors has not been having Jaguar's scale of troubles with US sales.

It is hard to see how the Government could not have given the contract to Vickers, if only conditionally, because the company is Britain's last tank manufacturer, and without the contract, for 590 tanks at an estimated cost of £1.3 billion, some 10,000 jobs were conceivably at risk.

What the MoD may have gained by throwing the contract open to international competition is a more competitive price from Vickers. If it has done so, this will feed through to margins, unless Vickers is spurred to greater efficiencies.

Iceland claims 30% of Bejam

By Wolfgang Münchau

The final shoot-out between the two pioneers of the frozen food business takes place today. Iceland Frozen Foods' £234 million takeover bid for Bejam expires at 1pm, and with less than 24 hours to go, Iceland was claiming 30 per cent of the Bejam equity.

Mr John Apthorp, founder-chairman of Bejam, and Mr Malcolm Walker, who heads Iceland, have often met to discuss, in Mr Apthorp's words, "how we can put our two businesses together." But Mr Apthorp made it clear yesterday that the last thing he had mind was a takeover by lceland — Bejam is the larger of the two, with 10 per cent of the market, against Iceland's 4 per cent.

But Iceland has the more modern image, although Mr Apthorp rejects the charge that Bejam's is old-fashioned. "They only started two years after we did," he said. "Of were starting a smaller base." But Bejam faces an uphill struggle to shrug off its "Volvo-drivers' store" image.

Mr Apthorp started the business in 1968. It began operating from a 900 sq ft former banana warehouse in Edgware, Middlessen on 1.

only 50,000 households owned freezers. Bejam still sells both the food and the equipment, which surprisingly



This year, £25 million will be mance, the company has been spent, mostly on out-of-town too often associated purely

programme which has come non-executive chairman. "I under criticism for lacking business focus. Bejam profits stagnated this year at about But Mr Apthorp said

Bejam's gearing will be neutral at the end of the financial year, which contrasts with Iceland's

Unfortunately, perhaps, for its future share price perforhigh-quality stores and with Mr Apthorp. Aged 52, he cheaper inner city outlets, a retired last year to become

Mr Apthorp and his family own about 30 per cent of Bejam, which is committed against the bid. With Bejam shares down 1p at 157p, some 30p below Iceland's offer price, the market believes Bejam will see off the

game."

reckon I have done my 20 years," he said. "They were 20 years of hard work. But you

have to realize that retailing is

becoming a young man's

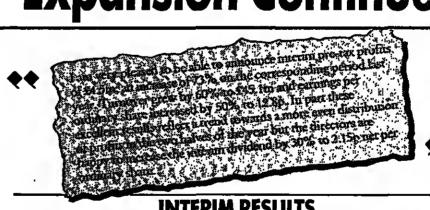
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National Telecom is issuing almost 5 million new shares. to be offered back to existing shareholders at 126p, along with 700,000 coovertible shares and £1 million in loan

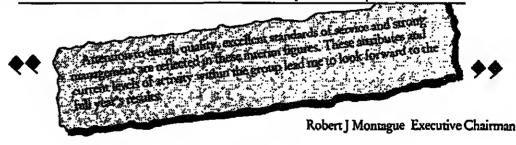
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Strong Growth & Expansion Continues



INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 31st October 1988

Unaudited	1988	1987	Increase
TURNOVER	£45.1m	£28.2m	60%
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	£4.5m	£2.6m	73%
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	£4.1m	£2.3m	78%
DIVIDEND PER ORDINARY SHARE	2.15p	1.65p	30%
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE	12.8p	8.5p	50%
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NOTES

- The results for the year ended 30th April, 1988 are abridged from the Company's full accounts which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies and which received an unqualified auditor's
- The accounting policy relating to the costs incurred in respect of new container rental agreements was changed during the year to 30th April, 1988 to write off costs as they are incurred, rather than amortising them over the average container rental period. The originally reported profits for the half year to 31st October, 1987 have been reduced by £0.3m to reflect the change.
- The corporation tax charge for the half year has been reduced to £0.4m as a result of capital allowances on tangible fixed assets.
- 4. The interim ordinary dividend of 2.15 pence per ordinary share will be paid on 31st January, 1989 to ordinary shareholders registered at the close of business on 12th January, 1989.
- 5. The earnings per ordinary share of 12.8 pence for the half year is calculated by dividing the Group profit after taxation and preference dividends, amounting to \$4.0 million, by 31.259 million ordinary shares, being the weighted average oumber of shares in issue during the period.
- 6. Pursuant to the circular to shareholders dated 15th October, 1988 the Coropany acquired the whole of the issued share capital of Rentco International Ltd on 11th November, 1988, issuing 17.5 million ordinary shares of 10 pence each.

in £3m sale to Harris

Home Centre businesses to Sir Philip Harris for £3.2 million.

The shops, an experimental chain launched alongside
B&Q stores selling high-quality furniture usually found in
high streets, opened in 1986.
But Mr Nigel Whittaker,
Woolworth's corporate development director, said: They were not attractive in the long term as the economics were not in favour." He added that B&Q will continue to sell furnishing merchandise

in its 232 centres. Sir Philip has also bought 75 per cent of Harveys, a soft furnishings business, for £19 million.

Woolworth shares gained 1p to 229p.

Woolworth Industrial gas users face price changes

ers Commission report. How-ever, others have been told that it could mean their bills will rise.

British Gas is now talking to customers, who negotiate in-the Office of Gas Supply dividual gas contracts each (Ofgas) about how to meet the year. recommendations of the MMC report. It has told its industrial customers that it will continue to supply a high-quality, competitive and reliable energy source, but that one of the MMC conditions

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could mean price rises. trial customers will be told in a April.

By David Young, Energy Correspondent Woolworth has sold its five Britain's industrial gas users letter from the regional sales National Telecommunicahave been told that many of managers today that the com-

them will have cuts in their pany is prepared to meet all gas bills if British Gas meets the conditions imposed by the the recommendations of a MMC on pricing and the recent Monopolies and Merg-supply of gas to its non-tariff customers; effectively those industrial customers that buy gas on contract terms. British Gas has about 20,000 such customers, who negotiate in-

Under the MMC proposals,

allow a month of discussions, British Gas's biggest indus- putting it into effect from

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tions, the telephone systems management group, has made its first move into the mobile communications market with the £7 million purchase of Tactico from Evered Hold-

Tactico is involved in supfor public services, supply of cellular telephones and air time on Cellnet, and manufacrarning system.

County adds more Morgans

The market-making team at County NatWest Woodmac has, I hear, been further has, I hear, been number strengthened by two more of Plessey's colourful corporate managing director of GEC, the men laid off by Morgan Christmas card, which has can be spotted hauling a the men laid off by Morgan Grenfell. The appointments, added to the seven ex-Morgan men who signed oo the dotted line last weekend, mean that County has netted nine of the 11 market-makers it ap-proached with job offers. The wo latest recruits are Mark Hodds, Morgan's erstwhile head of market-making in electrical stocks, and Philip Taylor, who specialized in property shares. The only two in decline County's offer were Mark Scates and Melvyn Brown, both of whom have agreed to go to Barclays de Zoete Wedd, "I think we can settle for nine out of 11," says a delighted Chris Cartwright, managing director of trading risk at County, and currently nursing a black eye after a piece of log he was chopping at his Kent home on Sunday hit him in the face. "But the sad news is that we are not now looking for any more marketmakers from there - we have the ones we want." County has also recently recruited two senior European traders from Shearson Lehman - David Head, who has become head of European trading, and Adam White, his number two. It means that County is now vying for fourth position, in terms of market-making size, behind BZW, Smith New

Court and Warburg. "But our

objective is to be in the top

three," Cartwright says.

Plessey's Troy of Walls

Christmas card, which has just landed on desks in this office, shows a caricature of an embattled (and battlemented) Stephen Walls — managing director of the electronics and defeace firm and leader of Sir John Clark's "defence committee of the defence firm and leader of Sir John Clark's "defence committee" — peering down from the Plessey ramparts upon a snowy scene through which a recognizable Lord Weinstock, with GEC, is currently engaged in a hostile bid battle for Plessey. But it is also interesting to note that the door of the Plessey ramparts upon a snowy scene through which a recognizable Lord Weinstock, motifs, has been left open . . .

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Case closed

Professional company doctor Lewis Robertson, aged 66, has just worked himself out of yet another job. He will resign as chairman of Borthwicks at its annual meeting on January 17, after successfully completing the task for which he was employed in 1985. That was to

tions; and to re-establish the group on a platform for growth. Yesterday's results revealed a £1 million profit, against a £2.2 million loss previously. But Lewis does not expect to be unemployed for long. "My banking friends tell me that although many companies have pulled themselves out of trouble, high interest rates could now cause a few casualties." He adds that he ought to be able to teach the young Turks a thing or two. After all, most of them have never lived through tough times," he says.

Safe driver

Clearly a London driver with a sense of fun. She was spotted in City Road, driving a white Porsche with the number plate ONP IL.

Doctors' orders

While a growing number of stockbrokers lobby for a re-

turn of the stock market floor,

one man who has managed to

wangle a return to the Stock

Exchange building in Throg-morton Street is John Doctor, a director of Kitcat Aitken, the UK securities subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada, and once head of its UK equities division. Doctor, aged 48, will, I hear, be returning to the Exchange oo February 1, to become an assistant director general of the Takeover Panel. He will be resigning from his Kitcat job - after 18 years - to become one of two individuals in the newly-created full-time post The other is existing Panel employee Noel Hinton, who has been promoted from joint secretary. The new post will be fourth in the chain of command, beneath Lord Alexander, the chairman, Anthony Beevor, the DG, and Peter Fraser and Peter Lee, the two Deputy DGs. "It will be fascinating work," says Doctor. "And as EEC regulations become more harmonized and international takeover activity continues to increase, the work there is going to become much more international."

Greenwell Montagu, the gilts market-maker, set a Christmas crossword competition for its clients, the prize for which was a magnum of champagne. The first correct entry came, however, from Warburg Securities, a rival firm. Greenwell Montagu is now having to make a decision

on its eligibility. Carol Leonard TIPHOOK plc, LANCASTER HOUSE, 7 ELMFIELD ROAD, BROMLEY, KENT BR1 1LT, ENGLAND, TELEPHONE: 01-460 6060

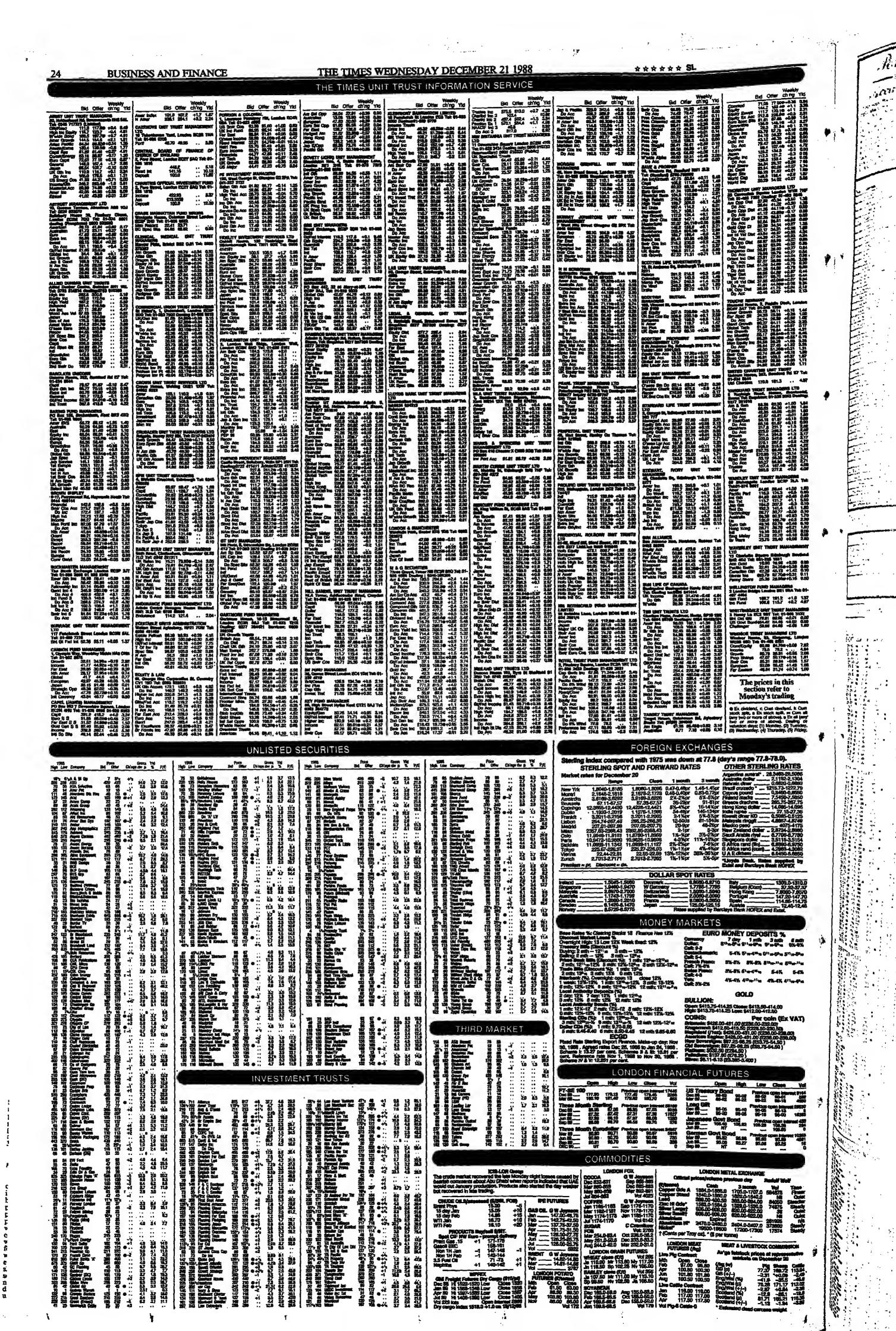


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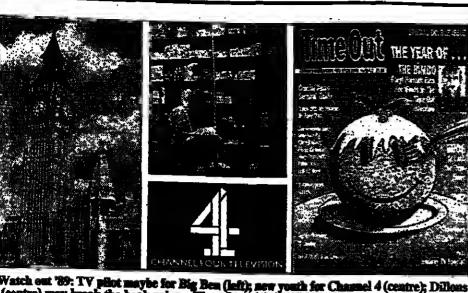
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MEDIA & MARKETING



Watch out '89: TV pilot maybe for Big Ben (left); new youth for Channel 4 (centre); Dillor (centre) may break the book prices; Time Out (right) will launch a new magazine, 20/20

I hrough the net

Next year is going to be "crunck year" for the net book agreement, according to Terry Maher of booksellers Dillons and Athena. The controversial remeant of retail price mainte-mance stipulates that book-shops must not sell beneath the publishers' recommended price. Maher warns, "If no-body takes the initiative we will take it ourselves." Mean-while, the Publishers' Associntion warned that the agree-ment was legally enforceable and backed by a judgment in its favour by the Restrictive

The sky-high ad

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What is claimed to be one of the most expensive single television commercials has been shot for more than £500,000 by the advertising agency Bosse, Massimi, Pollitt Business. Although the contents remain a closely guarded secret, the clients, Halifax Estate Agencies, confirmed that it is staging a major media and TV campaign in the new year to promote the company's national network of

Screen printing

Andrew Drummond, associate producer of the Observer newspaper's film company, flew to South-East Asia this week to start shooting its first major nentary, an hour-le special on the drugs trade, which the company hopes to co-produce with Granada's World in Action team. Edi-

BYLINES

are worried that they may have to do extra unpeid work on TV documentaries as well as working for the paper.

New time outlet

Tony Elliott and his staff at Time Out have at last settled on a title for the magazine's new monthly national stablemate, to be launched on March 28. It will be 20/20.

Commons pilot

The long-awaited plan to tele-vice the Commons, originally vice the Commons, eriginally set for the spring and now not expected before November next year, may have a pilot experiment at Whitsen. But only on closed-circuit teleonly on closed-circuit tele-vision in the Palacs of Westminster in order to allay the fears of MPs, many of whom are still nervous about going

Ethnic airwaves

Seven out of the 26 regions in Britain designated for new radio stations by the IBA yesterday have been reserved for ethnic groups broadcasting for the first time legally in their mother language.

Grand gesture

"The first major story I can recall was the Munich air crash," said Jonn Gabbedey, for 35 years the news editor's secretary at the Delly Mail.

than 14 news editors, 11 of whom she lunched at Simpson's last week in her own pre-farewell to Fleet Street before the paper's move to Kensing

ton next year. Quite a good turnout considering she had

en the day of the Clapham

Briefing . . .

Former Labour MP and film maker Philip Whitehead has been commissioned by the BBC to make the first independent production about the workings of the corporation as part of the See For Yourself series. He may find out why the BBC has been offering cars to senior Radio Four executives without checking whether they drive or not . . Felicity Rubinstein, aged 30, William Heinemann rights director, is leaving to come managing director of Macmillan . . . David Thomas, chief feature writer of You magazine, has been appointed the thirteenth editor of Punch . . . Scotland on Sanday is still without a ment editor and so is its new magazine ... The new Channel Four youth programme to replace the much criticized Network 7 will be

Eddy the unready

The Post, his second enjoy news-national tabloid, was papers," he said, hanched, Eddy Shah realized "I never underthat he had got it wrong. When stood what I met him for lunch he was makes a good downcast. He had learnt one of newspaper. I do the lessons of the Today know disaster only too well.

Today was launched in 1986 on the crest of a £2 million launch campaign, the biggest in advertising history. So great was the demand created by the ill-fated "We're Ready, Eddy" million, Today sold out and could probably have sold two million. All the greater, given the publicity, was the dis-

tment with the paper.

Nearly three years later The Post was lamiched amid so little publicity that it sold only half its print order of a million on the first day. It never recovered and died at the weekend after only 33 issues. Sold to the public as the "breezy, not sleazy" tabloid, The Post was neither breezy nor sleavy enough to gather momentum after its limp launch. "We misjudged the market," Shah said. "Readers like sleaze - but we were not prepared to sink to that, although we came close to it on a couple of occasions." An opening day story on "Nookie in the nick" and a strip featuring a semi-clad "Posy of

temptation was strong. Shah has now sold his 20 weekly newspapers to Reed international and is relieved to any history of the 1980s newsbe out of the newspaper in- paper revolution.

The Post" suggested the

Brian MacArthur

what makes good television and I am now returning shop, will be his principal claim to fame. Until 1983,

Shah was nevertheless convinced that there had to be a niche for The Post, with its modest aim of selling only advertisements that, even with 370,000 copies a day in a a print order of more than a market in which The Sau, the Daily Mirror and the Daily Star sell more than eight million. All he wanted was

to my first love."

4 per cent of that. But, as one experienced Fleet Street manager put it, Shah's lamach of The Post was as foolbardy as if he had tried to launch a new soap powder Sun has spent 28 million in the past year to maintain its circulation of well over four million. Shah's total advertis-ing budget for the launch of The Post was £1,25 million.

Shah said last weekend that he had "changed a few things, succeeded a lot, failed twice and had a hell of a ride". That is perhaps too modest. Even though his achievements were dwarfed by the epic leap from Fleet Street to Wapping of Rupert Mun-doch's News International, which genuinely transformed the future of newspapers, Shah will merit at least a chapter in

The courage he displayed dur-ing the Bettle of Warriagton, when he resisted

will fail.

the imposition of a National

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eciation closed

newspaper managements had been held to ransom by the

print unions. Shah dem-onstrated that the print unions

newspaper revolution.

subject to the iron laws of the market as any other commodity. Unless they find a new niche (The Independent along-side The Times and The Guardian, or Sunday Sport below News of the World), or become predators on a weak rival (Today on the Daily Express, The Mail on Sunday on the Sunday Express), they

were not invincible and en-couraged Fleet Street man-Readers don't want "nice" or "independent" tabloids. Whatnexts to see a fature free of overweening union power.

Shah's subsequent issuch of Today was a failure and he had ever they tell market research ers, it is sex, gossis, malice and strongly expressed, feline view-points which sell mass-market to sell out within three mouths.

Yet simply by existing as a threat to other national papers And, finally, the most in the year before it was soccessful newspapers are usulaunched, Today helped to create the conditions for the ally inspired not only by their editors but by strong-willed leaders — a Northcliffe, It gave Murdoch the pretext Beaverbrook or Murdoch -

to speed up News International's flight to Wapping, It spurred Robert Maxwell to who enjoy and love them.
"I had a dream of newspapers owned by small groups order the new colour presses which have now given birth to the "Rainbow Revolution" in rather than media giants," Shah said as he made his exit this week. "I know now that it Mirror Group Newsloesn't happen like that. Natpapers. It helped to create The Independent. It frightened the Mail and Express groups into

announcing plans to more out of Floet Street. That was the harsbest lesson learned by Shah and is a warning to those tempted to Shah's fate has been to help fellow in his footsteps. to create the fortunes of others by his own misfortunes - to Brian MacArthur, executive

editor of The Sunday Times, was the founder editor of Today and is the author of Eddy Shah, fail by really trying. Several lessons can be learnt from his Newspaper readers are Revolution (David and Charles, creatures of habit it is difficult £12.95).

Religion the cold

When deregulation comes, will there be room in the inn for religion, or will it be consigned to the stable?

The White Paper's silence oo religioo is taken by both churches and programme cootrollers as an indication that the days of "protected slots" - such as the simultaneous Suoday evening transmissioo of Songs of Praise (BBC1) and Highway (ITV) - and of franchises going to companies committed to religious coverage will end when

the IBA closes in 1992. That is the way LWT's director of programmes, Greg Dyke, recently thwarted by the IBA in a plan to shift Highway to the afternoon, sees it. What is inconceivable is that post-1992, a commercial channel will be playing over two hours of religion on a Sunday, because airtime will be very valuable," he says. Dyke, with David Elstein of Thames, who has virtually

ended Thames's religious output, have become the bogey-men in the debate. John Barton, the Church of England's chief broadcasting officer, sees them as harbingers of a new God-less television.

"These people are pre-empting the White Paper and showing us what the future may well be like," he says. I'm even fearful for the future of the BBC."

According to Godwatching, a report sponsored by the IBA and published last month (John Libbey, £9.50), 62 per cent of adults watch at least ooe religious programme a month.

David Winter, BBC's head of religious broadcasting, says: The problem is not that religious programmes aren't popular, but that the sort of people who run stations sometimes think they aren't popular."

But from both sides of the divide there is agreement that religious broadcasting needs a sharper edge, Roanne Pascoe, religious editor for TV-am, says: "To some extent religious broadcasting has dug its own grave. It's so boring."

Steve Turner

called The Club With No

Name and will go out in the spring ... The inquiry into Thames's TV's controversial Death on the Rock programme is not expected before January

Scripts feel 'lighter touch'

from the recent broadcasting White Paper advocating "lighter touch" regulation, the Independent Broadcasting Authority has ended its practice of examining all advertising scripts for a two-month trial.

It will vet only scripts in "sensitive" categories, and at the end of the two months, on January 28, assess the experiment with a view to making the change permanent.

Advertisements for alcohol, charities, share offers and "personal" products such as contraceptive sheaths will still Paul Charman require script approval, as will all public

information advertising, such as the Department of Trade and Industry's recent Enterprise Initiative promotion.

All scripts have been vetted by both the IBA and the ITV Association since the Pilkington report of the 1960s. The IBA believes this duplication is ootdated, and during the trial only the ITV Association will examine all scripts,

believe it is no longer necessary for the IBA to second-guess the ITV Association

on routine scripts. I want to release my staff to concentrate on more sensitive issues, like alcohol advertising and ensuring the rules keep pace with changes in society and the marketplace."

The experiment gained low-key approval from the advertising industry. Kenneth Miles, director of the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers, welcomed "an intelligent start by the IBA in looking at their new role". However, some advertisers are sceptical. viewing it as a meaningless, cosmetic

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May have been dropped and Lawson is unfit; Alderman, Jones, Reid, and Taylor have been brought in. McDermott, who carried the drinks at Perth, holds his place in the

Although Border, Austraha's captain, favours continuity - he was in England last summer, playing for Essex, and saw the confusion that

Sydney (Reuter) — Pakistan moved within sight of victory yesterday after two days of their three-day match against New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground. They led by 147 page with six wickets in 147 runs with six wickets in hand after reaching 131 for four, with Mudassar Nazar on 52 and Imran Khan on six.

Pakistan dismissed New South Wales for 175 and will early today in the hope of forging a victory.

The Pakistanis went for the runs from the start of their second innings and both the 50 nd the 100 came in even time. Mudassar reached his half-century in 111 minutes from 79 halls with six fours.

Only Trevor Bayliss, with 52, and Mark O'Neill, with 42, showed any inclination to attack the Pakistani bowlers, for whom Wasim Akram was the most successful, with four for 40 from 22 overs.

Favourite is Knott

By Richard Streeton

Alan Knott, the former England and Kent wicketkeeper, is the front runner among six can-didates to become chief coach with Sussex in the new year. Knott, who is 43 next April, retired from the first-class game in 1985 and has recently sold a sports shop he owned in Herne

The applicants will be sifted by the Sussex finance and general purposes committee to-Knott was approached to

become Sussex coach two years ago when Stewart Storey left the job but at that time did not wish relinquish his own business. Knott, who has recovered from the ankle problems which contributed to his decision to retire, is anxious to re-establish links with county cricket.

Knott played 95 Test matches and the 269 dismissals he made remains the England record. His career started in 1964 and he finished with more than 1,300

The Sussex coach is John Jameson, who played for Eng-land and Warwickshire and was land and Warwickshire and later a first-class umpire. Jameson leaves on December 31 to Buckingham rose sharply, but the ball that trapped me kept

Australian squad TEAN (from): G.R. Marsh, D.C. Boon, D.M. Jones, "A.R. Border, G.M. Wood, S.R. Waugh, †1 A. Healy, P. L. Taylor, C. J. McDermott, T.M. Alderman, M. G. Hughes, B.A. Reid.

switching - the selectors have been quite severe. They are fairly sure to play McDermott this time, and Alderman has just had another very good match for Western Australia against South Australia in the Shef-

ground, and as one of only six batsmen he is certain of a Being so tall and thin, Reid has been having predictable problems with his back. Bats-

field Shield at Perth. Mel-

bourne is Jones's home

Pakistan speed up

PAKISTANIS: First Imnings 1! Whitney 4 for 34)
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Mudesser Nezer not out
Remiz Raja low b Whitney
Moin-ul-Atiq c Waugh b Whitney
Jez Ahmad c Dyer b Matthews —
Seed Anwar low b Matthews —
Impan Chan not out

BOWLING: Whitney 9-1-29-2; Waugh 4-0-21-0; Matifians 13-1-32-2; Robertson 7-0-31-0; O'Neil 2-0-17-0.

31-0; O'Neil 2-0-17-0.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings
J Dyson c Rantz b Tauseut
M A Taylor c Yousuf b Aloram
M E Waugh b Aloram
2. B Smith run out
2. T H Baylass live b Aagib
G R J Metthews live b Aloram
G R J Metthews live b Aloram
'HG C Dyer not out
A Jones bur b Tauseut
M R Whitney at Yousuf b Tauseef
M R Whitney at Yousuf b Tauseef
Extras 0.4 (b. 5. nb. 1)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-4, 8-45, 4-105, 5-109, 6-119, 7-157, 8-172, 9-173.

their own interests, that the same might happen one day to Ambrose, the West Indian. The alternative to Taylor, the off-spinner, who was produced out of the hat when England were here last and struggles to make the grade, was Matthews, of New South Wales.

There is, in fact, a sad shortage of spin bowlers in Australia. Tasmania do not have one; nor, in the match they have just played, did Western Australia. There is no one, either, of whistling speed, unless McDermott happens to get steamed up. The next in this line is probably Rackemann, a South African "rebel", who played twice against Willis's side in 1982-83 and is now working his way back in Queensland.

The reputation of Australian selectors for bringing in young blood, given half a chance, is, to some extent,

It is not as though there is much of it around at the moment anyway, and it would need an exceptional talent to come in against the present West Indies side and make an impact. Mark Waugh, Stephen's twin, is a player of high promise. But he lost out on the last batting place to Jones.

The side was picked by Lawrie Sawle (a former captain of Western Australia), John Benaud (like his brother, Richie, a man of strong opinions, and himself a former Test player), Jim Higgs (a popular Victorian leg-spinner who once took seven for 149 against India in Madras), and Bob Simpson, Australia's ha-

Buckingham felled by ball from Patterson

Hobart (Reuter) - Danny Buckingham retired hurt after being hit by a ball from Patrick Patterson, the West Indian pace bowler on the second day of the three-day cricket match against

asmania yesterday. It was the second disturbing incident of the match after Cruse was hit on the back of his helmet by a shot from Greenidge when fielding at short leg. Cruse said later he would have died if it not for the helmet. Buckingham collapsed on the pitch and although later able to walk off, he needed three stitches in a cut oo his neck.

He said: "My vision fogged up and I tried to get up but my legs were just not there." Tasmania struggled on to 132 for five at close of play in reply to the West Indies' first inu

total of 409. Earlier, Boon, needing to boost his confidence for the third Test starting in Melbourne on Saturday, faced only six balls before he was caught in the slips off a vicious delivery from Bishop. Boon fended away a ball at shoulder height to Harper. Wellham, the Tasmanian captain, bowled by Bishop, said the pitch had deteriorated. "The ball that hit Buskingham was chearly but

The West Indians, resuming at 295 for three, fell away after lunch as de Winter took three wickets in six overs to end with five for 88.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings
*C G Greenidge c Taylor b de Winter
R B Richardson b Campbell _____
K L T Arthunon c Buckingham

C L Hooper of Tucker b Gruse
A L Logie b de Winter
P J L Dujon of Tucker b Campbell
10 Williams of Soule b de Winter
W K M Benjamin of Bennett b de Winter
B P Patterson b Tucker
Extre (Ib 13 nb 3) Extras (fb 13, nb 3) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-165, 2-245, 3-292,

4-317, 5-356, 6-366, 7-388, 8-398, 9-398. 9: SOWLING: Campbell 24-4-69-2; Faulkner 18-5-74-0; Hughes 21-2-74-0; Tucker 24.5-6-6-2; de Whiter 25-4-88-5; Boon 4-1-13-0; Gruss 6-1-12-1. TASMANIA: First innings D C Boon c Harper b Bishop
G A Hughes c Bishop b Patterson.
D J Buddinghein retired fluid
M Taylor Row b Patterson
D M Welttern b Bishop

P Faulkner c Hooper b Harper -Tucker not out ... Extras ((b 1, lb 5, no 13) ... Total (5 wids) 132
1R E Soule, G D Campbell and A J de Winter to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-52, 3-86, 4-81,

BOWLING: Patterson 10-0-40-2; Bishop 9-1-46-2; Benjamin 5-1-16-0; Harper 10-2-17-1; Hooper 4-1-7-0.

Racing needs "fairer return" or the first time in a levy dispute between racing and the bookmakers, the Government-appointed

members of the Horserace Betting Levy Board have distanced themselves from the representatives of racing and bookmaking to present their own submission to the Home Secretary. Previously, they suggest, a common policy "inevitably tended to be an

uneasy compromise". Their report is, in its own "a memorandum attempting an analysis of the respective cases and offering some conclusions". It does not take long to make a fundamental point "As we see it, the levy is not a subsidy, it is part of the price which racing believes the betting industry should pay for using racing's programmes in the betting shops and on-course."

These words come not from the Jockey Club, the Racecourse Association, the owners, the trainers or any other interested party. Sir Ian Trethowan is chairman of Thames Television and a former director general of the BBC; Sir Patrick Meaney is chairman of the Rank Organisation; and Mrs Anna McCurley is the former MP for Renfrew West and Invercivde and a senior executive at the public relations

company Dewe Rogerson. Sitting as they do between the interests of racing and bookmaking, they occupy the umpire's chair, trying to reconcile two opposing commercial viewpoints, and they are able to offer an objective view. They state that the levy is essential until, ideally, "a direct market price mecha-

between nism racing/racecourses and the betting industry is operating in the long term". They spell out what racing

would be like without the current level of financial funding. "The necessity for racing to get a satisfactory return from betting can be easily illustrated. In 1987, out of the 59 racecourses in Great Britain, only seven would have made any profit without Levy Board support. Some would almost certainly have been forced to close, and many more would only have stemmed their losses by cutting out unprofitable midweek meetings run, with Levy Board support, at least partly to sustain activity in the

betting shops. "The disappearance of the levy without an adequate replacement would therefore not only create unemployment in the racing industry and deprive the country of an important nationwide leisure turnover in the betting shops and so damage the bookmaker."

Having established the argument that racing should receive revenue from betting, they then attack the popular idea of the levy being paid by bookmakers. "There is a crucial point which we wish to make. It cannot be stressed too often that the levy is paid not by the bookmaker, but by the punter. The bookmaker recoups the levy by a deduction from the punter, and

therefore the levy would only



The Times has been examining racing's

argument to the Home Secretary for a greater share of bookmakers' turnover. Powerful evidence was

disclosed yesterday; it came from the three Governmentappointed members of the Horserace Betting Levy

affect the bookmaker's profitability if it exceeds the deduction.

"The idea that the rate of levy should be governed by the bookmakers' capacity to pay is no longer appropriate. The concept is a hangover from the early years of the levy, when it was indeed cted from bookmakers' profits. Since the late 1960s, it has been deducted from punters and we find it somewhat cynical when the bookmakers seek to defend their opposition to levy increases by posing as champions of the punter. The bookmakers take far more from the punter than does the levy," the report

Sir Ian and his colleagues are quick to remind the Home Secretary that the Levy Board's helping hand stretches beyond the core activity of racing itself, taking in such as an accident benefit scheme for stable lads and a significant contribution towards maintaining the integrity of

he report suggests that racing's needs are considerably in excess of the 0.88 per cent of turnover requested, that figure being a "substantial concession" on the part of the Board, or which could have been as high as 0.9 per cent of turnover, if they had taken full advantage of the elimination of levy avoidance, which presently costs racing half a million pounds a year.

Bookmakers were prepared to make concessions and alter the rules so that those who, while abiding by the letter of the scheme, manage their business in such a way as to minimize payment, would be brought into line. Bookmakers further offered a scheme based on a levy per shop, as opposed to levy per business, which are not aware that it is normal

1: Serious consideration should be given to

raising Levy rates to a level designed to give British racing a fairer return from the large volume of betting turnover which it generates, so that full advantage can be taken of a

mutually beneficial investment opportunity. Account should be taken of the return and the

circumstances in other major racing countries.

2: On the assumption that the implications of

that change will require detailed study over a

significant period, we recommend that, as an

interim move, the 28th Levy Scheme should be



price asked.

As the Government appoinstructural change to the scheme but over the proposed. rates to be levied under it...." However, the report also highlights another difference; the bookmakers sought to identify a levy yield in cash terms, while the Levy Board wanted to maintain a rate from betting turnover.

One argument made by the bookmakers is that the current levy is yielding more than estimated because of higher turnover and therefore racing will receive more money than it had originally requested. But, as the Board's report levy rates. explains, the original figure of £29.3 million was restricted by turnover estimates and prevailing levy rates; it did not meet the requirements of racing, or anything remotely approaching it. The sport does not want to be tied to an arbitrary limit, but merely seeks an equitable percentage of turnover for use of its

services. It is also worth noting that if, because of restructuring, the next levy scheme were to yield revenues in excess of the present rate of 0.88 per cent, the Board would make compensating adjustment to the agreed level in a subsequent scheme. The bookmakers also claim to have made an offer for compensation, so it is difficult to see

why negotiations broke down. The Government-appointed Board members quickly dismisses any notion that copyright fees paid by Satellite Information Services to racecourses are part of the bookmakers' contribution to racing. "We find this an extraordinary argument. We

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avoidance, but there was a that is introducing new marketing equipment to tell its suppliers that they must tees argue: "The only disagree- automatically charge less ment was not over the particularly when, as in this case, the suppliers (the racing industry) have given crucial assistance by supporting the introduction of television into betting shops.'

The report then spells ont the bookmakers' about-face: This support was given on the clear understanding that the introduction of TV and the SIS service would generate new money to racing and that neither the cost associated with its introduction nor the payments from SIS to racecourses would be used as an argument for reducing the

Yet in its presentation to the Parliamentary All Party Racing Committee last week, the bookmakers claimed they contributed considerable sums to racing in addition to the levy, detailing the esti-mated £5 million they would pay through SIS in fees to racecourses!

Further evidence of racing's co-operation with the bookmakers - support for television in betting shops, adjustments to the fixture list. staggering of race times and the limiting of evening racing - are provided. The conclusion of the report is unequivocal. "We are clear there is no case for reducing the present proportion of betting turnover returned to racing."

How can racing's needs be evaluated, the representatives ask. They look to racing abroad, agree that comparison is difficult, but ask the Government if, in the international context, British racing is receiving an equitable return from betting

In answering the question of how much racing needs, and

cent of leviable betting turnover, with appro-

priate arrangements being made for regular

review of the percentage to maintain a consistent level of return. The position of

smaller bookmakers should be protected by raising the "levy-free" slice and by levying credit turnover at the same rate as cash

3: The levy system should be maintained but, if the racing industry would support such a move,

consideration should be given to the possibility

of creating, in the longer term, a more direct industry for the use of its producer.

finding a balance between the Board's compromise request of 0.88 per cent of turnover and racing's ultimate aspira-tion of four per cent of turnover, Sir Ian Trethowan and his colleagues cannot give a definitive answer.

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nstead, they ask for a "fairer return" and reiterate that account should be taken of the return and eircumstances in other major racing countries. They also suggest that the burden of raising the extra revenue should fall mainly on the Government which "might make the best economic sense.

"The Chancellor of the Exchequer has argued eloquently that reducing tax rates increases tax revenue, and this is confirmed by the American experience. It might be doubly true in the case of Betting Duty, if the money saved were pumped back into racing, and so encouraged more betting mmover".

They suggest that, while an inquiry is taking place, a levy of one per cent of turnover be paid by bookmakers for a three-year period, ending in March 1992. It forecasts, for the final year, income of £44.7 million, of which £37.4 million would be spent on the improvement of horse racing.

Prize money contributions would be £24.7 million, against the 1988 forecast of £13.8 million, an increase of almost 80 per cent.

While prize-money for the less prestigious races is modest, and in the lowest class poor, the improvement of horse racing encompasses more than reducing costs for already wealthy owners.

The increase in fixture fees, which covers many expenses including officials' salaries, is 15 per cent over the same period, while the Horserscing Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket, which will be faced with ever more sophisticated doping agents, has a proposed increase of only 49 per cent, to £1.6 million.

While prize-money should be increased, and the improvement of horse racing needs more than bookmakers are offering, there is also a need for a strict sense of priorities.

Graham Rock

Oueen's Bench Divisional Court

Law Report December 21 1988

Court of Appeal

Shotgun licence wrongly revoked

Spencer Stewart v Chief Coa-stable of Kent convicted of handling stolen goods and received a sentence of Before Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice Legeatt [Judgment December 19]

A person in possession of a shotgun licence was entitled not to have that licence revoked if he became convicted of fresh criminal offences after the licence had been granted, pro-vided that those later offences did not involve a risk in the use of the shotgun in the future.

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by of case stated by the Chief Constable of Kent from Judge Cosgrave at Maidstone Crown Court who, on September 27, 1988, had llowed an appeal by Mr David the decision of the chief constable to revoke his shotgun certificate on January 20, 1988. The Firearms Act 1968 provides by section 30: "(2) A shotgun certificate may be revoked by the chief officer of police if he is satisfied that the polder is prohibited by this Act from possessing a shotgun or cannot be permitted to possess a shotgun without danger to the public safety or to the peace." Mr Mark Batchelor for the chief constable; Mr Spencer

Stewart did not appear and was MR JUSTICE LEGGATT said that Mr Spencer Stewart had been convicted of theft and obtaining by deception in 1970, of assault occasioning actual bodily harm in 1976, for which he was imprisoned for two months, and of a further offence of assault occasioning actual bodily harm in 1978 for which he had received a sentence of

suspended for one year. He was granted a shotgun licence in December 1985. He was a prominent member of a clay pigeon shooting club, hav-ing attained a high standard. He required the certificate to pursue

On October 19, 1987, he was M

pended for two years, a compensation order of £1,000 and a costs order of £300. and a costs order of £300.

The present application arose from the revocation of the licence by the chief constable. The judge had been refuctant to grant Mr Spencer Stewart is licence on appeal to the crown court but did so because of Ackers v Taylor ([1974] 1 WLR 405).

The principle in Ackers v tion "must be a danger to the peace arising out of the pos-session, or use, or misuse of the shotgun which the chief officer of police must consider," and of poince must consider," and that "It is the nature of the danger to the peace which is contemplated", was correctly decided, and, in the circum-stances of that case, which involved further offences of posching, the court was correct to decide that the licence should

However, in the instant case, which involved further offences in October 1987 of handling stolen goods the defendant, having been granted his licence initially in December 1985, it could not be said that those offences involved a risk in the use of a shotgun and, therefore, there was no ground for revoking a licence, no matter how serious the offences committed. It was plain, with reference to Luke v Little ([1980] SLT 138), that if a man was given to gross bouts of drunkenness, there might be room for the conclusion that , given another bout of drunkenness, he might succumb to violence with use of a shotgun, and, therefore, he should not be given or granted a

There was no such risk to the peace in this case, by reason of the defendant's possession of a shorgun, and, unless it could be attacked on the facts, Ackers stood and this appeal failed. Lord Justice Bingham agreed. Solicitors: Mr W. G. Hopkins,

[Judgment December 9]

The court had jurisdiction to hear an application for an interim rent pursuant to section 24A of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, although the tenants maintained that they were not in occupation of the premises dur

ing the relevant period.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the tenants, Jalaram Ltd, from an order of Judge Hunter, who at Wands-worth County Court had di-rected to be struck out as an abuse of the process of the court the tenants answer to the originating application of the landlords. Mr Henry Jules Benedictus and Mr Joseph European Ricardo (deceased), who had made the application

as the trustees of business premises at 270 Upper Tooting Road, Tooting, London, Section 23 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 provides:
"(1) ... Part [II] of this Act applies to any tenancy where the property comprised in the tenancy is or includes premises which are occupied by the tenant and so occupied for the purposes of a business.

Section 24A (as inserted by section 3(1) of the Law of Property Act 1969) provides: "(1) The landlord of a tenancy to which this Part of this Act applies may — . . (b) if the tenant has made a request for an new tenancy in accordance with ection 26 of this Act; apply to the court to determine a rent which it would be reasonable for the tenant to pay while the tenancy continues by virtue of tenancy continues by virtue of section 24 of this Act, and the court may determine a rent accordingly."

Mrs Reziva Harrison for the Mr Charles Douthwaite for the landlords LORD JUSTICE STOCKER said that the application to strike out formed part of the landlords' application for in-terim rent and was dealt with as ninary point. The appea

was concerned with that

Benedictus and Another v

Jalaram Ltd

Before Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Bingham

Lord Justice Bing

The proceedings commenced by a request by the tenants for a new tenancy to commence on February 1, 1984. The landlords gave notice that they would oppose the tenants' application In April 1983 the landlords.

by originating application pursuant to section 24A of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, sought a determination by the court of the rent which would be reasonable for the tenant to pay from the date thereof until the tenants' application for a new lease was finally disposed of. In June 1983 the tenants again applied to the court for the grant of a new tenancy. Again the landlords opposed the applica-tion and repeated the claim for

on September 12, 1983 the court ordered that all the applications should be consolidated. Nothing then transpire until April 23, 1987, when the tenants wrote a letter to the landlords saying that they were not in occupation of 'the

On June 30, 1987 the tenants' application for a new lease was dismissed. On September 18, 1987 the court ordered that the tenants should file an answer to the landlords' claim for interim

In the answer the tenants contended, inter alia, that the court had no jurisdiction to determine an interim rent in respect of the premises by reason of the fact that they had at no material time after expiry of the lease in 1982 had a tenancy to which Part II of the 1954 Act applied. The judge ordered the answer to be struck

The main issue on the appeal was whether the judge was correct in his conclusion that the tenants' answer was an abuse of the process of the court and hould be struck out. The position here was that the tenants had invoked the assis-tance of the court and persisted for a period of more than four

They knew that by so doing they would be confronted with an application for interim rent. It would be an abuse of the process of the court to abandon their previous assertion and conduct and to elect to aver that they had never had a tenancy and by those means to defeat the landlords' claim for interim rent. His Lordship would dis-

miss the appeal. LORD JUSTICE RING-HAM, agreeing, said that the first question for decision by the judge had been whether the tenants could in law be estopped from contending that they had not been in occupation of the premises at the relevant time. The tenants' argument was that if, whether by agreement, representation, waiver or other-wise, the parties purported to confer jurisdiction on the court to determine an interim rent of premises which were not occu-pied by the tenant then they

conferred on the court by the statute and that could not lawfully be done.

Therefore the tenants could not be shut out from raising the issue of occupation and so challenging the jurisdiction of the court to determine the rent.

were extending the jurisdiction

That argument was generally supported by Dutton v Sneyd Bycars Co Ltd ([1920] 1 KB 414) but Lord Justice Atlans said (at p421): "It is countly differ where the parties determine by within the Act . . . In such cases the agreement of the parties operates within the Act...".
The question was therefore whether the agreement or estop-pel contended for was one that operated within or outside the ambit of the Act. In the present case his Lordship concluded that the alleged estopped op-erated within the ambit of the

In any case where the land-lord had given notice under section 25 or the tenant had made a request under section 26, an issue might arise whether a tenant occupied the premises

of agreement or concession.

His Lordship concluded that in the present case there could be a binding agreement or estopped because the issue fell squarely within the county court judge's field of decision defined by the Act.

The second question for decision by the judge had been whether he was entitled on the material before him to hold the

tenants to be estopped by convention or otherwise from contesting the occupation of the premises at the material time. Since any estoppel involved proof of reliance, and an estop-pel by convention involved conduct premised on a common umption, the tenants conseamhtion, the party seeking to set up the estoppel must addince evidence to show that he did rely on or that he did entertain the assumption in question and the judge was wrong to resolve those issues in favour of the landlerds wihout affording the parties an opportunity to call

oral evidence and cross-His Lordship would feel inclined to conclude that the judge should have ordered an issue to be tried on the estoppel que and permitted each side to call any evidence it chose.

Regina v Mitchell When a judge was sentencing in car where there was an element of hostility between the driver

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Taylor, Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice Brooke) so held on December 6 when dismissing an appeal by Kevin Stephen Mitchell against sentence of four years prisonment imposed on May

Hearing interim rent case despite occupation dispute

Either they could resist that application on the ground that they were not in occupation, in which event the landlords could have sought possession and mesne profits forthwith; or they could accept that they were in occupation and found on that to occupation and found on that to apply for a new tenancy, thus expressly or impliedly accepting their liability to pay an interim rent as and when determined. The tenants chose to accept that they were in occupation, asserting in their own originat-ing application for a new ten-ancy that they carried on the business of a general store and that no vert of the coveries was

business of a general store and that no part of the premises was occupied by any other person. Having adopted that litigious position, the tenants could not (the judge concluded) after their position so as to deprive the landlords of their claim to interim rent. He said that what the tenants sought to do seemed to offend against the principle that a person might not ap-

probate and reprobate. In support of the judge's approach their Lordships were referred to various textbook passages on election of rem-edies, waiver and approbation

The present case, however,

their Lordships were concerned not with statements made in the course of commercial dealing of negotiation but formal state-ments made in the course of invoking the court's jurisdic-tion. Whether the rule was founded on public policy or justice as between the parties that could not be permitted. If in the course of litigation a If in the course of litigation a party, A, accepted the truth of an assertion of fact expressly or impliedly made by his opposing party, B, and founded on that formally to claim relief to which he would not be entitled if that fact were not true (A knowing if the fact was true or not, whether or not B knew), and if the litigation was thereafter conducted on the basis of the truth of that fact, A might not thereafter assert the falsity of that fact and retract his accep-

duct by one party where that was prejudicial to the other. It was further to be remem-

bered that in the present case

that fact and retract his acceptance of its truth wh would be both to deny B a remedy which would have been available had A asserted the falsity of that fact from the beginning and to deny B a remedy to which A's acceptance of that fact entitled him. Solicitors: Robert Thompson

Hostility in motor manslaughter

20, 1988 on his conviction in Maidstone Crown Court (Mr Justice McCowan and a jury) of manslaughter, after a trial following the rejection by the prosecution of his plea of guilty to manulaughter on a charge of and the group of men be drove into, one of whom was killed, be was entitled to take into account the aggravation of the driver's blameworthiness by his murder. He had also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to assault and to three counts charging assault occasioning actual

odily barm. LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR. the ingredients of motor man-slaughter were the same as those required for proof of the offence of causing death by reckless driving. However, this appellant who had frightened the public at large. He had had a deliberately hostile approach towards the In such circumstances the

m such circumstances the guidance on sentencing in cases of causing death by reckless driving given in R v Boswell ([1984] I WLR 1047), although of relevance, did not cover the whole picture.

Correction

In Department of Environment v
Thomas Bates and Sons Ltd.
(The Times December 6) Mr
Michael Lerego appeared with
Mr John Lawa for the
department

Fred Clarke will be pressing

for more money from book-makers. He believes that if

Association for racing on grass.

"I don't accept that the current agreement is valid. It seems commonsense that we're offering a new facility and should be paid for it," he asserted.

among rivals for the northern circuit. Nottingham, which could be taken over by

Lingfield's former owner, Ron

Muddle, is presently owned by the local council and leased to a

subsidiary of the Jockey Club.
Nottingham's racecourse
company chairman, Peter
Player, said: "It is his (Mud-

die's) plan that jumping and Flat racing should take place on the same grass course. That would

be very detrimental to the going for the Flat season, and leading trainers would not be prepared to race potentially high-class

The policy and resource committee of Nortingham council met yesterday to discuss the proposals, and turned down Muddle's initial proposals,

while Doncaster is re-examining its plans to see if they can overcome losses in the early

horses on cut-up ground



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Comeragh King to take command

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Jimmy Fitzgerald and Gordon Richards look like being the most successful trainers today at Edinburgh where each can cajoy a double.

Interestingly, they both have a runner in the Charting Developments Handicap Chase, the day's most valuable

In this instance, Fitzgerald should have the right answer in the form of Comeragh King, who finished a highly commendable fourth in the A F Budge Gold Cup at Cheltenham last time out.

While critics will point, with every justification, to the fact that he has never won

get the trip, and that he will never stand a better chance of doing so than in a three-horse race around a track as sharp as third, Musselburgh's,

the second of th

In contrast to Comeragh King, Villierstown performed very badly at Cheltenham last time when he finished a long way last in the race won by Comeragh King's stable companion, Bucko. Yet he has won over today's course and

On balance, it has to be Comeragh King to be the third leg of s treble for his jockey, Mark Dwycr, who can also win the first two races on the

The latter is one of three other race over fences last footballer Francis Lee, now an pointing out that he is bred to horses that Fitzgerald has sent season when he fell heavily to the meeting from his base at and lost his confidence. Malton in the heart of Yorkshire. Gold Options is the have restored it, a horse

> this season, should be capable of giving weight and s beating to his three rivals in the Glassedin Securities Yuletide Handicap Chase, I doubt Gold Options coping with one so gifted as Tartan Tailer in the Rush and Tompkins Novices

Woollen Mill incidentally, fin-

As that race at Ayr should

canable of winning at Chelten-While I maintain that ham in March besides finish-Kevinsfort (nap), who has ing sixth in the Champion been a model of consistency Hurdle as Tartan Tailor did, Hurdle as Tartan Tailor did. ought to be up to seeing off was a pretty useful he Gold Options who could not the Flat in Germany even beat Clever Folly at the last meeting.

double by winning the Levy Lavrosky at Market Rasen. Board Novices Hurdle. That win at Ayr last Saturday was At Ayr last Friday, Tartan no more than he deserved Tailor, who is owned by local after finishing second in his wind to win first time out last previous races.

BETTMG: 5-4 Comeragh King, 6-4 Villerstown, 3-1 Doronicum. 1987: NO COMBESPONDESS RACE

COMERAGH KING hit the 3rd lest when 4% 4th of Chaes 10 to Pegwall Bay at Chaltenium lesset start (2m 41, Sales

2221 SWEET CITY 4 (8) (D Little) G Richards 11-4

FORM SWEET CITY finely came good with a 41 win over West Ender at Ayr (2m. good to soft) on Saturday; serier 71 2nd to Macho Men at Hatchen (2m. soft) with COULETA (8th better oft) 12 3rd. Does not find a lot off the bride. MRUMRY, a poor maiden on the Flat, has yet to improve on mid-division over hurdles. May find this longer try to bits advantage.

**HOTHER ran his best race when 14%4 4th to Bank view at Ayr (2m, good to soft) on his persitionate.

1.45 CHARTING DEVELOPMENTS SANTA CLAUS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,590; 3m) (3

FORM VELIERSTOWN was last of 6 in good company at Chettenham last time. Showed bytter form when all 2nd to Kameromore at this Wetherby (2m of 110yd, 2nd) or penutimate start. COMERAGH KING bit the 3rd lest when 4/6/4th of

2.15 CHARTING DEVELOPMENTS REINDEER NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: 2903: 2m 4f)

FORM TARTAN TAILOR had best effort to date when 7th in the Champion Hurdle at Chellenhern last term. Natice a guick responsement after coming home alone at Ayr (2m, good to solt) on Friedray.

MLACK SPUR was 15½ 3rd to Nos Ne Gandhe at Ayr (2m, good to solt) on his penaltimate start. Was racing close up when falling 6 out on latest spearance and should give a good account here.

GOLD OPTIONS haid on well to finish a short head whose ret Newcastle (2m, good to sort) lest month with PRINGMORE (15th worse off) 201 6th; earlier distance (pood to fam) with RELLA EAMLES (levels) 201 3rd. Very effective over this trip, but looks to need some give in the ground to produce his best spearance and should give a good account here.

Salestien: TARTAN TAILOR

3.15 CAMERON HALL DEVELOPMENTS ADVENT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,122; 3m)

Long handloop: Risk Another S-9.

BETTING: 3-1 Speckyloureyes, 7-2 Ishkara, 4-1 Lottlee Fury, 8-1 Apple Wine, 6-1 Eastern Casis, 10-1 New Kingagrove, 12-1 others.

1987; NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

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ors Runners Percent
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TRAINERS

1 433128 LOTTEES FURY 11 (F.Q.S) (P PBer) W A Siaphenson 4-12-7 2 210324 ISHKHARA 4 (C.P.G) (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 0-12-3 3 16538 SPECKYFOUREYER 5 (RF.F) (J Peerce) J Peerce 0-11-3 4 2-1214F EASTERN CASIS 8 (RF.F.S) (J Andrews) J Andrews 5-11-3 4 21214F EASTERN CASIS 8 (RF.F.S) (J Andrews) J Andrews 5-11-3 5 4272-60 WORK MATE 40 (F.G.S) (T O'Gram) D Chipman 11-10-12 5 Pesnes New KRIGGSROVE 9 (P.G.S) (T O'Gram) D Chipman 11-10-12 5 00-600 HARD NECK 8 (B) (RA's K Birkelf) J Birkelf 5-10-9 1 PEPPE LAUGH-A-MINUTE 9 (S) (Mrs D Cultern) Mrs D Cultern 8-10-4 1 000-664 RISK ANDREES 9 (Mrs W Tulke) Mrs W Tulke 5-10-0 1 000-664 RISK Mrs W Tulke 5-10-0 1 0000 RISK Mrs W Tulke 5-10-0 1 000 RISK Mrs W Tulke 5-10-0

2.45 RUSH & TOMPKINS FESTIVE NOVICES CHASE (21,057: 2m) (8 rumers)

on: VILLERSTOWN

ZARRIBEE looked very backward on his hurding debut at Curleie (2m 330/d, good to ant) back in September and has been off-course since. MUTACRE, only plating class on the Flat, melos his hurding bow indey. Selection SWEET CUTY

... J (7'Borman (7) H Smith (7) J MoLaughlin G Thomson (7)

JOCKEYS

.... M Dwyer D Noint

Rides Per cent

enthusiastic permit holder not to mention successful businessman, can also enjoy

the fruits of triumph by landing s double with Shirkhan (2.30) and String Player (3.0). Shirkhan, my selection for the Maesien Novices Hurdle, was a pretty useful horse on

In his only race in this country over hurdles he per-Earlier in the day, Sweet formed promisingly enough City can initiate the Richards when finishing third behind

String Player, who was s pretty decent hurdler on his day and clean enough in the fact that he has never won programme on Boldden ished alone. That result was in At Bangor, the former Eng-side when he contests over today's distance of three (12.15) and Kevinsfort (12.45). complete contrast to his only land and Manchester City Royalty Novices Chase term, will have class on his At Bangor, the former Eng- side when he contests the

receives £600 fine

Malton trainer Jimmy Fitz-gerald was clearly shocked by the serverity of a £600 fine handed out to him by the Jockey Club yesterday after one of his horses was positively tested for a prohibited substance.

A sample taken from Fitz-gerald's Homer City, winner of the first division of the Grimsby Evening Telegraph Juvenile Novice Hurdle at Market Rasen on August 13, was found to contain Tetramisole.



Jimmy Fitzgerald: shocked by severity of his fine

After considering now evidence, including that of Fitz-gerald and a witness, the disciplinary committee was sal-isfied the source was Levacide, which was inadvertently given to Homer City. Levacide is a worner that can be given to all animals.

The committee accepted an

reimals.

The committee accepted an idmission from the trainer that admission from the trainer that he had broken the rule covering admissiration of a prohibited substance, but not the rule dealing with deliberate intent to affect a horse's performance. "Everyone was very nice," said the Malton trainer, "but although it's not my fault I have to cough up £600."

Homer City was disqualified and Marshalstonewood pro-moted to first place.

Winter sale dismissed as premature

By Michael Seely Fred Winter's wife, Diana, yes-terday dismissed as premature a newspaper report that Uplands is to be sold at the end of the season and that Charlie Brooks, the present course of the Recess. the present owner of the licence, is to purchase the famous Lambourn training estab-

lishment.
"There is nothing to this and nothing to say at the moment," she said. "Of course, we've got our long term interest to con-sider and also those of our owners. But no plans have yet been made and nothing has been decided."

A legend in his lifetime for his A legend is his notime for ms superb courage and determination, Winter is partially paralysed after a fall at his home 17 months ago. The training licence was transferred to Brooks, his former assistant, in August. Only last Friday, Winter made his first while our parament increases. Only list Printy. White induction first public appearance since his accident when escorting his daughter Philippa down the aisle at her wedding.

Brooks was in Ireland yes-terday, and was unavailable for

Scudamore treble

Fitzgerald Lingfield has extra funding for first all-weather track

By Graham Rock

The Levy Board and stewards of the Jockey Club have given Lingfield Park approval to stage racing on an all-weather surface. The interest free loan granted by the Board has been increased by £500,000 to £1 ½ million, but there is no decision yet on whether Doncaster or Notting-ham will be the northern allbetting shops broadcast all-weather fixtures, SIS should pay fees over and above the rates agreed with the RaceCourse

weather site.
The cost of development at Lingfield needed to provide the facilities it requires will cost a total of £3.8 million, the residue of the loan being provided by the racecourse company.

The extra funding from the

Levy Board was a surprise. "The increased capital contribution reflects the strength of the Board's own commitment, which will benefit both the racing and bookmaking in-dustries," an official statement

Fred Clarke, chairman of ingfield, said: "The financing of the scheme we offered at our or me scheme we othered at our presentation last mouth was a sticking point and we went back with a trimmed capital spend. The track will be the first priority, and should be ready for November I next year, and redevelopment plans for the Eclipse stand will go ahead after

that," he said.

"We've brought in new caterers and will improve the conference facilities and the golf course. They will generate a need for hetter hotel facilities and we will build a new one in time but these is only a much time, but there is only so much we can do for now." Lingfield hopes to produce

Sherwood misses out on

Nice Dynasty's victory

Simon Sherwood, desperately hoping to be fit to ride Desert Orchid in the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Monday, missed another winning ride when Nice Dynasty, trained by his brother Oliver, made a successful debut over hurdles at Folkestone vesterday.

Nice Dynasty successful debut over hurdles at Folkestone vesterday. Peter Scudamore stands by to ride Desert Orchid if Sherwood doesn't make it.

handle a successful debut over hundles at Folkestone yesterday. Simon, who received a very unpleasant lock in the stomach when Guessing fell at Hunting-don on December 7, hopes to ride out tomorrow. Oliver said: " If not Thursday then Friday, and if he can't make it on Friday he won't be able to ride at Kempton on Boxing Day."

Sherwood's deputy yesterday was Mark Richards, who reached double figures for the season with a 59-1 double on Nice Dynasty and Tamino. Nice Dynasty, who won three times on the Flat in France for Alan Clore and once took on Soviet Star, looked like winning

a long way from home yes-terday, but in the end it took him s very long time to wear down Monetary Fund and score close home by length.

Elsworth's strong hand

the smallest since Burrough Hill Lad beat two rivals in 1984. But the four other entries are likely

David Elsworth was saddened David Elsworth was saddened by the news yesterday that Francois Doumen's two run-ners, Nupsala and Nord AC, will not be participating in the King George VI Rank Chase on Boxing Day due to a trans-mission error. "It's terrible news to hear, I fully sympathize with the trainer," the Whitsbury trainer said.

trainer said. Elsworth, attempting to win the prize for the second time with in-form Desert Orchid, is unlikely to be doubly repre-sented. "I have left in Cavvies Clown, but he will run only if there is some cut in the ground,"

Toby Balding confirmed that Kildimo, who finished fourth to Ballyhane in Saturday's SGB Chase at Ascot, will participate.

Vodkatini, three times successful over two miles this season, will also take his chance. John Edwards has Bob Tisdall in the Rowland Meyrick Handi-cap Chase at Wetherby on same day, but is now likely to go to

Chatter Party, last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, is also reported well and a The race, with six acceptors, is definite runner.

BOXING DAY'S BIG-RACE

Folkestone results Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdise)

(hurdise)

12.45 (2m 6f hole) 1, KRUGGERAN
SHUGGLER (E Muphry, 13-8 lav; Michael
Seet/a nep); 2. Enhome Lad (M Porrett,
7-2; 3, Roetresuer (R Beggan, 18-1).
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Terton Trix (4th), 10
Majordio Bruno, 11 Kitinger (5th), 20 Air
Bricher (5th), Rane Lack (pd., 33 Term's
Aria, 50 Dengan Shoon (pd.), Mac'a Mana,
The Brichin, Up Indian (pd.), Free Twist
(pd., Landa's Tipple, Knobl Col. 16 ran. Sh
bd. 77, 61, 23, ah hd. J Gattord at Findon.
Tote: 23, 20; 21, 60, 21, 40, 23, 40. DF;
26, 70, CSF; 27, 65.

28.70. CSF: 27.88.

1.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, TAMINIO (M Richards, 20-1); 2, Should Never Be (S South Eccles, 0-1 tay); 3, Zuico (G Landau, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 foro Biby, 5 Shanbaily ALSO RAN: 100-30 foro Biby, 5 Shanbaily ALSO RAN: 100-30 foro Biby, 5 Shanbaily ALSO RAN: 18 Sell R Kirry (8th), 12 Absolute Beginner (5th), 18 Country Cap, 20 Hawshorn Jacks (pu), 25 St Andrews Bay, Trable Chance (pu), 33 Artic Chief (pu), Canacien King, Libit Goneral (pu), Nercone, 15 ran, NR: Limavady, 14, 2, 1151, 71, bd. Mrs L Cay at Arundal, Tokic 251,60; 25.10, 22.70, 21.10; DF: 508.00.

CSF: 231,59.

CSP: £81.59.

1.46 (2m 100)d hole) 1, LUCKY BLAKE (S Smith Eccise, 15-2; 2, Polecroft (J Osborna, 14-1; 3, Jim Bossie (L Hervey, 11-2; 4, Cader Run (D Galbagher, 12-1). ALSD RAN: 4 fav Pharceins Treasure (£0), 9-2 Flaming Pearl (£0), 5 Rambling Echo, 18 Source Of Megic (put, 12 Turn For Th'Better, 14 Cate Lullaby (put, Will Raine (put, 16 Senor Formans, Shout, 20 Airborne Deel, 25 The Undertainer, 33 Blanciel Desarty (put, Wolver Planne, 10ng Of Knowledge, Ribbis Star (as), 19 ran. NR: Indian Porty, 3, 34, 101, 5, 3, Jancitine at Royston. Tois: £14.10; £4.00, £3.00, £1.90, £5.30. DP: £148.30. CSP: £117.08. Those: £585.31. No bid.

2.15 (Sm 25 cd) - (FELON (B Powell, 6-4 ter); 2, Derrown (R Goldelon, 14-1); 3, Casistr (M Hoad, 6-1), ALSO FAN: 5-2 Western That (f), 100-50 Bucks Green (nf, 20 Southdown Spirk (4th), 6 ran, 20, 8, 23, J King at Swindon. Totes 22.60; 21.50, E13.40. DF: 225.20. CSF: 224.28.

EISAO, DP: 225.20. CSP: 224.28.

2.45 (2n: 4f ch) 1, AUTURN ZILU (S Hodgoon, 7-4 tav); 2, Rivermied Park (D Mustow, 25-1); 3, Tullomagrange (S McKesver, 15-2, ALSO FANE 7-2 Eventing Song (6th), 9-2 Young Blood (4th), 5 Wingatis (8th), 15-2 Mr Kats (D, 20 PlayBatis, 8 ran. 31, 21, ris, 91, 81 Miss L Bover at Airestord. Tota: 22.50 2; 10, 25.30, 22.40. DP: 2218.60, CSF 527.65.
Tricast: 2298.87.

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3.15 (2m 100yd hdie) 1. NIGE DYMASTY (M Richards, 15-8 jk-fav; Mandaufra sept; 2. Monetany Frand (Dale McKoown, 12-1; 3. Heltermenn (R Arnott, 15-8 jk-fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Kaletan (ur.) 16 Court Trevisio (40%, 12 Northern Gurner, 14 Against All Odds, 16 Regges Yeoman (Sity, 20 Hankiey Down, 25 Bingdon Builders (80%, Golden Sound, Search The Wind, 33 Bellentrae, Lotschen Lady, Mench Herry, Piphus Rosle, 50 Ernstein, Prince Yamadori, Peopy Drive, Sweet Mary Lou (pu), 20 ran. 11, 44, 12, 49, 100. D Sherwood at Upper Lambourn, Tota: 24,30: 22.30, 23.80, 21.50. DP: 259.00. GSF: 229.83.

Ludlow

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, SAYFAR'S LAD (P 12.30 (2m hdie) 1, SAYFARTS LAD (P Scudamore, 4-5 tav); 2, Severeign Streem (M Bowley, 33-1); 3, Sebel House (G McCourt, 50-1), ALSO RAM: 4 Greenscres Lad (5th), Jene Craig (f), 20 Sakombe Harbour, 50 Garrison Park, The Tan Man, 56 Elbulous, Frankon (4th), Kohaku, Tallorad To Tasts, The Strink, Kohaku, Tallorad To Tasts, The Strink, High Path, Lady Cognac (5th), Monaneigus Ludy, 18 ran, 31, 61, 81, 51, 61, at Pipe at Wallington, Tota: 21.90; 21.10, 22.70, 25.90, DP: 214.50, CSP: 222.74, 1.9 (2m tidle) 1, LOVEN'S SECRET (M. Rizgerald, 12-1); 2, Legal Colo (V. Smith, 12-1); 3, Sit in The Dent (D. Sigrime, 33-1).

1967: NUPSALA 8-11-19 A Pommier (25-1) F Doumen (Fr) 9 ran 20-1); 3, Abbaydore (D Tegg, 33-1); 4, Well Covered (Gary Lycra, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Pearly King (Bith), 8 Brown Ritte, 18 Enrys, 11 Onpaid Member, 14 Futber Money, 16 Trowthites, 20 Bellysbennon Run (Sith), Malacanang, 25 Deedy Going, Naus Royel, 33 More Glory, Tierum, Picardity Prince, Pretty Py, 18 ms. Sh Id., 15, 41, 121, 11. J Edwarde at Rose-on-Wys. Tois: 23.59, 21.20, 23.70, 21.50. DP: 237.30, CSP: 253.15, Tricest £1,388.39.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, FRIGEST (T Wall, 0-1);
2. Rabsen Ne lilore (M Williams, 14-1); 3,
Timura Double (H Daviss, 6-4 faw). ALSO
RANt 8 Movrita (5th). 8 Saints Alve (f), 11
Pikeman (4th). 12 Mr Facin (f), 33
Proverbial Session (6th), 50 Finbert (ur.)
9 rin. 15, 6, 20, 10, 25å. R Morris at
Weistpool. Tote: 25.50; 23.40, 23.40,
£1.10. DP: £97.60, CSP: £57.96. Titeast:
£126.84.

3.0 (Sm ch) 1, CHOWECOPPER (P. Scudemore, 13-8 fav); 2, 8cmo De (J. Bryen, 7-2; 3, 8uper Expuress (P. Hichotis, 9-2), ALSO FAIX: 3 Wylord (4in), 20 Mise Christopher (5th), 5 ran. 2, 4, 12, dat. 8 Presco at Telliott, Tota: 22.10; 21.30, 22.00, DP: 23.70, CSF: 26.93.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, SWING TO STEEL (P Scudemore, 11-10 fav); 2, Double Calibra (G McCourt, 4-1); 3, Debeons Choice (B Doveling, 38-1). ALSO RANT 7-2 Tobitis (I), 14 New Gold Dresm (I), 25 Mr Finnise (I), Palm Paddy (4th), 95 Bellytrent (6th), Misser (Go, Pirates Punch (5th), 18 ran. 10, 11, ds.; 1%1, 8, Mr Pipe at Wellington, Tobic 25.50; 21.40, 21.50, 22.50. DF: 25.10. GSF: 25.43. 2.30 (2m hdie) 1, AFARISTOUN (T Morgan, 11-4 fav); 2, Rusty Rice (W Knox,

2.30. Dr. Staff. CSP-153-3.

3.30 (2m fan) 1, PEAJADE (W McFarland, 5-2 fay); 2, Biedlerber (S McCrystel, 12-1); 3, Wacksen Megle (Mr P Scholield, 7-2), ALISO PAN: 7 Triewaylor, Zingero Boy (8th), 19 Centamage (5th), The Puthey Lark, 14 Bornie Duzdee, Buckoek, Just Rose, 10 Cedford Girt, Nas Bother, 25 Tudor Sun (6th), 33 Abbey Dream, Petase Gardens, Vulciently, Linch Melody, 77 nn. NR: Sebaki River, Int, 5, 3, 5, 1%1. M Robinson at Wersteys, Totes 23.00: 21.50, 22.50, 22.10. Dr. 228.60. CSP: 258.66.



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EDINBURGH Selections By Mandarin 12.15 Boldden. 1.45 Comeragh King. 2.15 Sweet City. 2.45 Tartan Tailor. 12.45 KEVINSFORT (nap). 1.15 Sir Speedy. By Michael Seety 12.15 Boldden, 2.15 Sweet City, 3.15 SPECKYFOUREYES (nap). Going: good to firm 12.15 CRAIGMELLAR OPPORTUNITIES TRUST CHRISTMAS MAIDEN HURDLE (2841: 2m) (12 runners) BETTRIC: 11-4 Bolden, 7-2 Fast Record, 4-1 Kharit, 0-1 Pain Led, 6-1 Cock Sperrow, 10-1 Miss Emily. FORM BOLDER, an Epsom handlesp win-ner on the Flat in 1987, drops in class following an unpleased effort on Newbury debut behind Cruleling Aldrade. FAST RECORD won two mile risces on the Flat this summer, both with some cut in the ground. ACHARDE won a Hamilton handlesp (1m 80) in the summer. Showed best hardles form at Catterick last PALIX LAD'S placed form came in Carible and Perti bumpers.
NATURALLY AUTURN has yet to recepture the form of a 13% 5th to Lottle's Fury at Kalso on fine 12.45 GLASSEDIN SECURITIES YULETIDE HANDICAP CHASE (21,437: 2m) (4 45-1321 KEVINSFORT 8 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-12-7 (3eq.... 3,F-6401 GOLDEN FAMCY 8 (D.F.Q.S) (N Alexander) C Alexander 11-12-0 2-16065 AL-ALAM 18 (D.F.Q) (R Maxon) G Richards 0-11-10... 280008 MILLETHEAK 8 (Ara D Culham) Mrs D Culham 0-10-0 M Deyer © 99 B Turner (4) 98 L O'Hare (7) 98 P Harte (4) 98 BETTING: 4-5 Kevinsfort, 2-1 Golden Fancy, 8-1 Al-Alam, 10-1 Millstrack. 1907: WISE GRACKER 5-10-6 P Niven (3-1) P Blockley 7 ran won won 4 chases, but this is his first run over fences this speach.

AL-ALAM has been disappointing this season and is hald by REVINESFORT on Southwell running (2m 74yd, soft) earlier this month, BBL LSTREAK bids to lose his makien tag after a run of 48 defeats. FORM KEVINGFORT was given a confident ricle at Southwell last time (2m 74yd, good to soft when a 251 where from Royal Cracker. Acts on any going and is effective at this time. GOLDEN FANCY won his first race for two sessons have (2m 4f, good to 1km) earlier in the month, beeting What A Line 31 to a handlesp hurdle, Hes Selection: KEVINSPORT (nep) 1.15 CRAIG PARK FEAST OF STEPHEN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (2781: 2m) (9 D O'Sullvan (7)

R Fathey (4) 91

S Turner (4) 96

R Garritty (7) 97

J K Kinssen 97 2(223 SB) SPERDY 15 (S) (J Hepburn) A Brown 0-12-0. 00790-0 SPORICE MASHER 74 (Atts E Murphy) R O'Lery 5-11-13... 0-8851 DAMMING S (O.G.) (P ROCKIN) J Pariso 0-11-19 (Sp)...... P-043 EVERLOFT S (R Cottan) G Moors 4-11-5..... FORM ISNOCHARA was beaten 8 by Bluff Knoll at Newcastle (good to soil) over the beeting of LOTTIE'S FURY on Doncaster form, but not carrain to appreciate the trip.

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3 0326-00 HECKLEY LOCH 8 (R Green) T Berron 4-11-5 8 R Gentity (f) 97
3 0006-50 JELLY JELL 21 (B) (Alas M Compton) R Allen 6-11-2 J K IGname 94
7 06-0224 MICLOCKI 23 (Southorth Racing List) Mrs S Austin 5-10-13 D Willdmann 94
9 08-2245 STAR MAPSTRO 6 (T Wood) J Penron 0-10-7 J McLaughlin 95
8ETTING: 5-2 Str Speedy, 100-30 Everloft, 9-2 Danribo, 6-1 Star Masstro, 8-1 Moloch, 10-1 Bookie 1967: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM SR SPEEDY is consistent though one proof. Finished 1954 3nd of 18 to lest January. This is this first ran in selling company.

Michael A Pould of Kelley Dry. and lest though the selling the sel DANNIERO best Kirtby Flyer 11 at Sadgefield server this month (2m, good) with EVERLOFT (5th better off) a head 3rd. STAR MAESTRO, a maiden, weakened into 8th behind Tigers Pet in a Fakenham seller lest time. HECKLEY LOCH stayed on to finish 51 2nd to OR: HECKLEY LOCH BANGOR Selections By Mandarin 2.00 Hand Over. 12.30 Forest Flame. 1.00 Gadbrook. 3.00 String Player.
3.30 Unpaid Member. 1.30 Galaxy Kris.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 COMRA.

1997: PRINCESS SENCLE 0-11-4 Mr R Bellamy (5-1) at Pipe 11 ran 1.0 CROSS FOXES STAYERS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,592: 3m) (12 runners)

Long headloop: Letchworth 9-12, Sporten Netive 9-9, Le Beile Rose 9-8, Proud Soldier 9-8, Cheeley Robin 9-9.

BETTING: 9-4 Gactorook, 11-4 Den Flaise, 4-1 Compton Park, 0-1 Sparten Native, 8-1 Proud Scidier; 10-

B Power

Demot (7) —

.... S Keightley W Mortis A Juckes (7) P Caldwell

.... J Dayle

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Going: good to soft (chase course); good (hurdles) 12.30 MATES GORSE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £680: 2m) (18 runners)

1 Letchworth, 16-1 others. 1987: RAUSAL 8-11-7 Mr R Bellamy (7-1) T Belley 11 ran

1.30 YELLOW COLLAR SELLING HURDLE (£789: 2m) (11 runners)

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EETTING: 7-4 Gilly's, Comet, 5-2 Guai O'Oresy, 5-1 What A Snip, 7-1 Galaxy Kris, 10-1 Mediub, 12-1 pound, 16-1 others.

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Awakening in self-confidence

he victory of Liselotte Neumann in the United States women's Open Golf championship in 1988 astonished the Swedish sporting public even more than the recent Davis Cup defeat. Only a little less so did Anders Forsbrand's victory in the European Masters in Switzerland in 1987. There is n growing self-confidence in the me. Such as that in athletics during the 40s, when Gunder Hagg, Arnie Andarsson. Lennart Strand and others ruled the middle distances.

Swedish golf has been developing in parallel with onis for the past generation. Following the recent qualify-ing tournament in Le Manga, there are now, remarkably, 10 sero-motor manufacturer, led Swedish professionals with a by Jan Blomqvist, the former card for the Europe and it is possible that for the first time, a Swede could be included in the European team to defend the Ryder Cup at

The Belfry next autumn. Mats Lamer, from Gothenburg, was beaten for the last atic place in the victorious team at Dublin, Ohio in 1987, by Mat D'Arcy, the eventual match winner: the same year that Lanner emulated Ove Sellberg by winning the Epson match play grand

Until 1973, golf in Sweden had been a relatively insignificant sport. During the 50s and 60s it had remained the social privîlege of a minority of nateurs. Then along came Bengt Lorichs, n new general secretary of the Federation. whose personal sporting experience was primarily competitive shooting

It may have been coincidence, or it may have been his instinct for improving the competitive side of the game together with a publicity programme to popularize its image for a wider public. Perhaps the development in golf woold have happened anyway, alongside the upsurge in many sports. The fact is, however, that in each of the past three decades the numbers of golfers has more than doubled: from 12,600 in 1960 to 40,000 in 1970, 88,000 in 1980 and already 210,000 in 1988. This sents three per cent of the population, compared with two per cent playing the game in Britain; yet with 232 golf clubs, there are only two public

The next significant moment came in 1981. Forsbrand, one of the leading as Patrick Sjoberg - the 1987, amateurs, decided to turn pro- high jump world champion

THE SWEDISH

dispel a poor image

fessional and in November that year earned a tour card. Forsbrand had broken the ice. In 1982, Sweden won the Eisenhower Trophy for amateurs, and the entire team of Sellberg, Magnus Persson and Krista Kineti also turned pro. "Team Saab" was created, under the sponsorship of the

eal team captain. In 1986, the Federation, which had hitherto only been concerned with amateur golf, controversially decided that the sport should be open. The Federation had previously ex-ercised a liberal attitude — viewed with some alarm in the stringently disciplined committee rooms of the Royal and Ancient, the control centre of golfing regulations outside America – that it was possible

for amateurs to be paid.

MESSAGE

The alarm, it must be said, still exists: though there was surprise, and some concealed ent, when the Swedes failed to challenge the United States in the recent Eisenhower event, mexpectedly won by Britain. The Swedish women's team finished runners-up to the US in the ent. Sweden's "flexible" amateurism means they now have some 7,000 B-Licence non-amateurs. "Nowadays. only the young are amateur," Anders Nordland, the assistant editor of Svensk Golf, the

The game, irrespective of status, flourishes. The satellite Swedish tour of 17 tournaments including the Scandinavian Open, will this year be worth more than a

official Federation magazine,

nders Garderad, the 3,000 metres steeplechase Olympic gold medal winner in 1976 at Montreal, is now chief national coach of the athletics federation. While Sweden continues to produce athletes such In his second report on sport in Sweden. **David Miller finds** golf flourishing and athletics working to

and brouze medal winner in Seoul - Gardered thinks that orary athletic prowess is impeded by four factors:

The attraction of other such (endurance) sports as nordic sking; the measurement factor of athletics which exposes the competitor to critical public judgement of every perfor-mance; the financial attraction of foethall, golf or tennis; and the knowledge that inter-mational athletics is riddled with drug abuse which in heavy events is almost a

"In football, ice bockey and cross-country skiing, the pub-lic does not look at (measured) times," Gardened says. "They can still enjoy what may be technically n poor perfor-mance but something that is still exciting in the result. If you don't throw or weightlift high or heavy enough, the spectators won't come. The drug threat means that some sports will either live or die. Credibility is at stake.

"Twenty years ago, athletes competed to meet other people. You don't hear of that any more. Sport has become more a matter of money, n 'career' --everyone in Sweden was disgusted with the drug scandals in Seoul, and was watching with a kind of dishelief." Sweden won the the 4 x

10km cross-country Nordic race in Calgary, and Gunder Syan the 50km individual event. The Swedish women were sixth in their relay. "If any of our skiers were found to be doped, it would be a catastrophe," Garderud says. "It's a national sport."

Although he admits the existence among some Scandinavian runners of. ood-doping - Vainio, of Finland, was positive in Los Augeles in 1984 because he reinserted his own previously drugged and extracted blood when otherwise he was no longer positive - he is adamant that exceptional running or skiing is possible with the right intense, and often painful



Forsbrand: paved the way for other Swedish golfers when he turned professional in 1981

Spain with the Finnish run- recommends a life ban for use ners," Gardered says. "I saw of steroids or testosterone, but the pain they suffered, and they knew they could run faster than anyone else. It is abuse was never something he the same with our leading skiers now. Yet at 5,000 or 10,000m on the track you can only run once or twice a season at a peak, because you need great mental strength to learn to live with the pain in n aship event, the way Svan and Wassberg do in

The only positive test of a Swedish athlete has been on Linda Hagland in the early 80s, when both she and her coach were suspended. sining.

Gardered, in common with the 'In 1974, I was training in IOC Athletes' Commission,

less severe penalties for caffeine and minor drugs. Such considered himself; though at High School he was aware that steroids were increasing some pupils' performances by 20 per cent. Current random. testing in Sweden is four or five times a year: anyone refusing beyond 24 hours of a

request is declared positive. Youth involvement in Swedish athletics is none the less increasing, with the help of publicity and promotion, and there are now more than 1,000 athletic clubs; and a host of promising youngsters, such as Johnny Danielson, the younaged 24, who finished tenth. Garderud is optimistic that Danielson can win a medal in the next European, world or Olympic championships. He was 30 when he won in Montreal Morgan Tollofsen, aged 17, was fifth in the world junior championships 5,000m in Sudbury this year, and is a "defector" the other way, from skiing to track.

Garderud is optimistic that human nature can be as great a force against drug exploitation as for it: that people need to explore their own potential for fulfilment of any genuine talent. This attitude is a fundamental characteristic of the Swedish sporting philosophy.

ATP fall into old trap of blurring important events

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

of its own in 1990, has already failed in one of its main, declared purposes: to make the structure of the tour easier for the public to comprehend. The ATP is to grade its tournaments "championship series" or

The grand prix has raised images of petrol stations by labelling its tournameous "super" or "regular". The ATP, having reasonably suggested that the grand prix was meaningless, has fallen ioto the same trap — nomenclature that tells the public nothing.

The distinction between championship series and world

championship series and world series will be clear only to those within the game. The public at large cannot be expected to know which series is the more Tennis administrators have

always been reluctant to call a spade a spade. It is doubtful if they know the difference be-tween a spade and a shovel and, tween a speak and a shover and, to expend that analogy, they would probably prefer (vide Chambers) the expression "a broad-bladed digging tool".

The plain truth is that some tournaments matter more than others. To blur the distinction is no service to the public nor to the "aggressive marketing" that is another component of ATP policy. If the ATP genuincly seeks clarity it should think again and use such blunt words

The Association of Tennis Pro- tournaments. One quotes the fessionals, which is to replace the grand prix circuit with a tour a duarter of the total will go to the ATP as a "tour fee" rather than to the competing elhoned

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There will be on "off-season" of about eight weeks at the end of the year. In considering applications for tournaments, a joiot committee representing players and tournaments will be governed, primarily, by eight

These criteria are listed as "history of contribution to the game; professional experience in the management of tournament tennis; surface; facilities and seating capacity; prize-money, market; player services; and length of commitment". That list excludes support for

charities but the tour organizers "hope and expect" that participating tournaments will make such donations. It is reasonable that charitable contributions should be voluntary. They are a private concern for individual consciences, modified by individual

or corporate resources.
Finally, Wimbledoo confirmed yesterday that, subject to couract, it had transferred to an independent West German company exclusive distribution rights — throughout western Europe, except for the United Kingdom — for televised cover-

age of the championships.

This five-year deal has been agreed because Ufa Film made a better offer - including more bours of coverage - than the as "first" and "second" or "major" and "minor". former contractors, the European Broadcasting Union. The provisional ATP sched- NEW YORK (AFP) - The nle for 1990 envisages 19 Men's Teonis Council has championship series tournaments (13 with "prizewill lose money. Marshall money" of at least a million Happer, the MTC admindollars and six with half that) istrator, said the ATP's tour and 50 or more world series would operate in the red.

Loosemore party to a poor service

From Barry Wood, Sydney

Sarah Loosemore lost 7-6, 6-2 trailed 3-5, and then recovered here yesterday to Rachel to lead 6-5. But despite holding McQuillan, of Australia, in the two set points to the next same. matches in the Coca-Cola Youth Masters tournament.

emore's service let ber down against a steady rather than spectular opponent, and six double faults and an inability to get her first service in, especially in the second set, took much of the pressure off of McQuillan, who admitted she thought herself lucky to escape a desperately close opening set.

Loosemore suffered a loss of 12 straight points from one-all, beat Emm

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two set points to the next game, and one in the ne-break, she conceded the set and the rest of the match then fell swiftly away.

Without using it as an excuse, throat, which left her "feeling a bit heavy in the head", may Jo-Ann Faull, who arrived at the National Tennis Centre directly from Japan, lost 6-1, 6-3 herself by later recovering to best Emmanuelle Derty 6-4, 6-4.

SKIING

Christmas bonus for Girardelli

From Iain Macleod, St Anton, Austria If the weather permits — and all the signs yesterday were that it will — Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, should spend the festive season content in the knowledge that his one-man in the downhill, the combination of the signs of the signs with the ability to win in all four disciplines — only 18 points admit, and still to perform well in the downhill, the combination.

band is at least the equal of larger concerns with infinitely greater resources.
The Austrian-born skier has more reason than most for hoping that this week's World Cup meo's downhill and slalom races proceed here as scheduled.
Ten days ago, Girardelli's conparticipation in the two down-hills at Val Gardena led to the

most cootroversial incident of The instigator was his father and chief coach, Helmuth, who accused members of the International Ski Federation of blanational Sti Federation of ola-tant eheating and then promptly walked oot. Thus began another confrontation with officials, trainers and journalists. And although Girardelli coosequently woo slaloms io Madonoa di Campglio and Kranjska Gora, to lead the overall standings, the potential loss of 50 points io Val Gardena

may yet prove to be crucial. Hence the importance of the downhill today. Assuming there is no eleventh-hour cancellation will almost certainly be the favourite to pick up a Christmas bonus of 25 points io the combination event. The British women's medley

tion assumes greater importance than it otherwise might have Strong winds made practice impossible yesterday, but that will take place first thing this scheduled to start at noon. OURMAYEUR: Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, won ther frurth World Cup race of the seasoo yesterday - a slalom -but only by the narrowest of but only by the narrowest of margins (Reuter reports). The double Olympic champion artacked the steep and demanding Checrouit slope with supreme control and confidence, yet pipped Blaoca Fernandez-Ochoa, of Spain, into second place by only 0.01sec.

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RESULTS: 1, V Schreider (Switz), 1min 37.53ec; 2, B Fernander-Ochos (Spl. 1:37.54; 3, I Salvenmoser (Austria), 1:38.96; 4, A Wachter (Austria), 1:39.90; 6, C Von Gruerigen (Switz), 1:39.90; 6, C Von Gruerigen (Switz), 1:39.90; 7, C Missen (Swe), 1:39.37; 9, I Ladstätter (Austria), 1:39.73; 9, F Masreada (Fr), 1:40.17; 10, P Fertiter (Fr), 1:40.18; 12, K Andersson (Swe), 1:40.48; 12, K Andersson (Swe), 1:41.38; 13, H P Kronberger (Austria), 1:41.72; 15, L Medzirradska (C2), 1:41.88; WORLD CUP: Stelem standings where two races: (Schreider, 50pts; 2, Fernandez-Ochoo, 29; 3, K Pusrik (V ad), 20, Overall standings after seven races and one consistenct 1, Schreider, 1:32-2, Master, 74; 3, Wachter, 62; 4, M Fighi (Switz), 59; equal 5, C Merte (Fr) and R Missenischner (WG), 47.

SWIMMING

formula continues

relay squad is getting into the habit of winning. The quartet of Joanne Deakios, Suki Brownsdon, Madeleine Scarborough and Karen Pickering provided Great Britain's small team with its second event win on the second day of the United States Open, a day when the Americans were left wondering about their open-door policy.

Three of Britain's relay team were in the Europa Cup squad which beat East Germany recently. Here, with Deakins on the lead-off stage, they teamed up again for an emphatic win over a Canadian national team and the pride of the American colleges.

Deakins set another lifetime

best (1min 06.22sec) to hand over in fourth place to Brownsdon, who converted the deficit into a lead which no one could catch, giving Pickering, on her seventeenth birthday, the onour of victory.

For Scarborough, the butter-

fly swimmer, the relay was her second medal of the day, as she had earlier finished second in the t00 metres individual event.
With her usual tactic of a steady opening length she was placed fifth at the turn, but then powered away: Drawn in lane seven, Scar-

borough was not aware of her maio opposition. Pam Minthorn, in lane one, and it was the American teenager who got the touch as Scarborough set the year's fastest time by a Briton in a 100-metre 'fly race. For once on this tour, Brownsdoo disappointed when she failed to make the final of the 400 metres individual medley. It was not so much a bad swim, more a miscalculation, for in the evening's B final she won with a time which would have placed her fourth in the

main event.
With foreigners winning half, of the events on the second day, the meeting is not proving successful for the hosts. Bereft of most of their Olympic team, the Americans are even struggling in what used to be their strong areas - in the 200 metre freestyle, where the Swede, Anders Holmertz, played with the field before beating it, the first American was sixth. A lot of rebuilding is needed.

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RESULTS (US unless stated: Nerc 200m freestyle: A Holmertz (Swe), Immi 50.159ac. 8 fines 5, P Howe (SS), 1-55.36 (1-54.69 in hearts). 100m backstroker. 1, D Weetherford, 57.71sac. 5, G Februs (SS), 58.53. 100m batterfly: could 1, J Harrey and E Popinger, 54.47. 400m individual needley: M Rankin, 4min 23.559ac. in Assatz: Robins, 4-53.11. Weether 200m recestyle: 1, S Casaldry, 20.287; 5, A Criops (Univ Texas)(SS), 20.5.21. In Assatz: Robins, 4-53.11. Weether 200m recestive: K Egerszent (Hurt), 1-57.88.8 Actions (Univ Texas)(SS), 20.5.21. In Assatz: A December (SS), 102.48. 3 final batterfly: 1, P Mintporn, 1:02.48; 2 Mark 6, J December (SS), 102.48. 8 final Cripps, 1:03.12.40 in individual meedley: A Petrictoric (Yug), 4-47.47. 8 Seat; Cripps, 1:03.12.40 in mediatry resists; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:56.44, 4 x 100m mediatry; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:56.44, 4 x 100m mediatry; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:56.44, 3 x 200m mediatry) resists; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:56.44, 5 x 50m mediatry) resists; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:56.45. 5 x 50m mediatry) resists; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:56.45. 5 x 50m mediatry) resists; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:56.45. 5 x 50m mediatry) resists; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:56.45. 5 x 50m mediatry) resists; 1, Great Bitmin (Deakins, 1:06.25. Brownsoon, 4:51.13.65. Scarborough, 1:7.78aac.

GOLF

Successful Putting on the Ritz An Olympian and his times with Ballesteros

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

FOOTBALL

North teams dominate:

Schools football by George Chesterton

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday pledged his support for the PGA European Tour after learning that he had been named the Ritz Club golfer of the year for 1988. The award was decided by a panel of members of the Association of Golf Writers and the PGA European Tour. Hallesteros wins two Ritz

Club charity trophics, designed and donated by Waterford Crystal, and a collection of Alana pattern glasses. He also receives two awards on behalf of the Golf Foundation and the PGA European Tour Benevolent Trust of £2,000 each.

The Spaniard, winner of seven titles this year, including the Open Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes, finished first in the Volvo Order of Merit and he leads the Sony world rankings."I think there is oo doubt oow that we have in Europe the best golfers in the

Northern Independent Schools showed their dominance over the South in the six-a-side tournament at Brentwood.

Halms Grantmar School were deserved wioners over Manchester Grammar. The losing semi-finalists had also come from the North, Repton and King's, Chester. In the Plate competition, QEGS Blackburn defeated Wolverhampton.

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Among the soothern schools who reached the knockout stage were Westminster, who had not been there for 10 years, and Halleybury, better known for their metry.

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world and it is my desire to give our tour my full support in 1989," he said.

By not accepting membership of the US PGA Tour, which would compel him to compete in a minimum of 15 events in America, Ballesteros has re-tained the freedom to pro-gramme a world-wide schedule

of about 24 tournaments.

He is likely to play 12

European tour events as well as take his place in the Ryder Cup team and possibly partner Jose-Maria Olazabal for Spain in the World Cup at Las Brisas in November. His first appearance in Britain next year is likely to, be in the Volvo PGA Champ-ionship at Wentworth from May 26 to 29.

Ballesteros is concerned that Europe, after victories in 1985 and 1987, should retain the Ryder Cup against the USat The Belfry from September 16 to 18.

petition, St Clement Danes, Hertfordshire, are through to represent their county and will

represent their county and will meet the as yet undecided winners in Essex. St Clement Danes defeated Busley Hall 2-0 in the county final, They have oot lost a match this season and have won 18. Selby and Chapman, who have scored 58 goals between them, are among their six representatives in the county sound.

James Cleveland Owens, refer Sam in Olympic track and field. Our correspondents' reviews of

the best sporting books of the year continue with Pat Batcher on athletics and Barry Pickthall on yachting

picion of Seoul, it is just as easy to be cynical about athletics as about Christmas nowadays, Gracme Garden's Christmas Gracine Garden's Christinas show, The Magical Olympic Games, at the National Theatre was first produced five years ago. But one of its lines, "the important thing is not to win, but to win easily" could have been written about Flo-Jo. Perhere Victor of the product of the prod haps life does imitate arti

to himself as "JC"), through the four world records in an hour at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on May 25, 1935, to the delicious irony of the four gold medals in the "Nazi Olympics" in Berlin a

But unpalatable as unravel-But unputatible as unravel-ling the legend might be. Wil-liam J Baker more than justifies the risk. There are the inevitable marital infidelities — following Ann Arbor, when his occasional affairs became headline news paper threatened to publish a picture of his three-year-old daughter if he did not marry the mother. He did. And the tax residence indicatements when he avoidance indictments, when he

In a former avatar, your correspondent was a sometime pantonime stagehand who would occasionally defend the practice of inviting kids into the wings against a stage manager who argued that it destroyed their illusions. You could say the same thing about biography.

Most people's knowledge of Jesse Owens stretches from the anecdote about his sobriquet (a secretary), job-hopping in often insulting circumstances. In A Farewell To Sport Paul Gallico characterizes America's

anexdote about his sobriquet (a northern schoolteacher misheard the young Alabaman, tenth black to represent Uncle

fully fledged citizen, our dearly beloved equal, and a true American. At other times, he remains just plain nigger, and we'd rather he weren't around, because he represents a

Yet, Owens was always a Yet, Owens was always a moderate rather than a militant black, proving far too conservative (or Uncle Tomish, depending on his critic) in his attempts to dissuade Tommie Smith and John Cartos, in 1968, and Vince Mathews and Wayne Collett, in 1972, from their Olympic podium snub of the US flag and anthem flag and anthem.

Despite an academic style largely out of keeping with carrent American sportswriting — still generally the best in the world — Baker has succeeded in building a fascinating account of Owens's life, filled with the minutiae, which gives the lie to the myths and idees recues releatlessly regurgitated by the pseudo-history hackers.

Brave battles to stay afloat

entry in the last Whitbread Round the World race.

His yacht, Drum, first hit the headlines when it turned over after the keel dropped off during the Fastnet race three years ago. Four of the crew, scared by being trapped in the dark for 20 minutes, wisely walked away.

Seventeen more, including the skipper, "Skip" Novak, the narrator of this moving story, stayed with the ship, bettling, at times, to stay affoat.

times, to stay affort.
Closing on Cape Town during
the height of a storm, the yacht
trashed off the top of a wave and
almost broke. Driven by the

Failure is rarely a recipe for a grinding noises produced by the good book. The exception is flexing hull, they worked frantion. One Watch at a Time, the hair raising tale of Simoo le Boo's eatry in the last Whitbread Round the World race.

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more entrants preparing for next year's race that everyone who completes this event is a winner. With the Cutty Sark Tall Ships race bringing a hundred or

niters: Dixon Kemp's Manual of Yacht and Boat Sailing—eighth edition (Ashford Press, £48.00), for those who still yearn for the days of canvas, wood and tar. Instant Wind Foreasting, by Alan Watts (Adlard Coles, £5.95). This is Looking at Sails, by Dick Kenny (Nautical Books, £12.95).

One Watch at a Time, Skip Novak, published by David and Charles at £12.95.

VOLLEYBALL

PRETH ROUND DRAW: South Harlow or Plymouth v Woking: Southermaton or Islandon v Brent; Stroud v Grimsby; Solinul v Ipswich or Swarman. North Wigen or Bradford v Sunderland; St Helens v Bobon or Chesterfish; Salford v Wakefield or Liverpook; Kirldy v Manchester.

Illnesses and injury cause delay

ian Goswell, coach to England's women's squad, has worries about three of his players as he attempts to finalize a squad for the invitation tournament at the Reading, on January 1 and 2.

Julie Smith (Sovereign Leasing Sale) has a groin strain, Debbie Frost (Asheombe Syence) a chest infection and Birmingham's Amanda Glover has missed training this week because of influenza England are not involved in In the Royal Bank English
Men's Cup quarter-finals Malory, the bolders, continued their
push for the double by scoring a
3-1 victory against Hilton
Leeds, a team they had lost to in
the beauty Livercool. City the league. Liverpool City, beaten finalists last year, deseated Speedwell Rucanor by the same margin and will have been pleased to avoid Malory in vesterday's semi-final draw. Liverpool are at home to Star

this season, the defeat was disappointment.

"We've played all of the main title challengers apart from Hilton Leeds now and I'm still sticking with what I've said all

Soverign Leasing Sale and Ashcombe Syenco, as the teams have been paired together in next month's semi-finals. Hilton Leeds will meet Britannia in the other semi-final, Britannia having ended Chelmsford Part-

ROYAL RANK ENGLISH CIP: Sunt-Final dense Hees Livetpool City v Star Aculia; Majory v Starfordshire Mooriends. Women: Histon Leeds v Britannia; Ashoombe Syettoo v Sovereign Leekey Sale. Ties to be pringed on Jensey 21.

TODAY'S FIXTURES 7.30 unless stated

World Cup Group six Qualifying round Spah v N Ireland (Seville). Simod Cup Second round

Third round Sherpa Van Trophy Preliminary round

Northern section Southern section Peterborough v Northampton

Basingstoke v Bournemouth.
CBMTRAL LEAGUE (7.3): First division:
Burnstey v Sheffield Wedneedey: Blackburn v Sunderland; Hudderdfield v Leede
(7.30); Hottingham Fortest v Aston Ville;
Sheffield United v Menchester United
(7.30); Second distribute Bollon v Prestor;
Doncaster v Hull (7.30); York v
Rottberfarm.

Crystal Palace v Ipewich (Tooling and Micham, 1.50). VALDHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second di-vision south: Feitnern v Banstead (7.45). HPS LOAKS LEAGUE: Plast division Cape First round: Accrington Stanley v Raddiffe. HIGGSTO.

BEAZER HONES LEAGUE: WesquisInturance Cup: Third round, second leg (Wat leg score in brackets). Atherstone (1) V Turmorth (2).

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE Premier di-

RUGBY UNION CLIS MATCHES: Cross Keys v Neeth-(7.0); Lydney v Harstord (7.0). Campalise: Bedford v Metropolitan Police. TOUR MATCH: Harstonins Jaguers v Victoris tander-21 XV (Aus) (Stoop Me-morial ground, 2.15).

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round:

SPORT ON TV MOTOR SPORT: Sky Channel 9,20-10,13 p.m.: World sports car champlosable: rightights of the final round from Austra-fia. Kamora 500 midnight san race from SNOW REPORT: Sky channel 10.13-10.18 p.m.; Latest conditions at the main reports in Europe.

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SNOW REPORTS

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial. Calvagerm, Gleecea, Gleechee and the Leche: There is still not enough snow for sking. Forecast for today: A generally cloudy day, but with one or two bright or surnly speak, more sepecially at the Lecht and Gleechee; k will be mainly dry apent from a title drizzle which will mostly affect. Gleecoe; snother lairly mild day with the treating level remaining above the sunnits; it will become very windy with the south-wasterly wind, fresh to start with, increasing to gate force during the day. Octional for the consistent showers which will be treaty at times and will tall as snow on the fighter with occasional showers which will be theirly at times and will tall as snow with severe gates over the summits: becoming milder again on Friday with more general rain affecting all areas; staying wholy. Alpe d'Huez

Information supplied by the French
 Greenward Tourist Office

England are not involved in the main tournament, which will feature Cuba, China, Peru and Czechoslovakia, but will play Poland twice in challenge matches. The Poles are likely to prove formidable opposition in what will be England's first matches since the British championships last May.

Aquila, conquerors of Time Out Spark 3-2, and Malory will host the much-improved Stafford-shire Moorlands, 3-1 victors over Reebok Redwood Lodge.

Rob Wiggett, the Spark coach, felt his team "bottled it" in the final set against Aquila and, with the cup representing the London side's only hope of one of the major domestic honours

sticking with what I ve said all along, that Malory will win the league and Liverpool will finish second," Wiggett predicted yesterday. There can be no repeat of last year's women's final, between

ners, pue onb um.

RACKETS: MONTGOMERIE'S ATTACKING EDGE OVERCOMES OPPONENT

Leighton elbowed out of cap for Scots

From Roddy Forsyth Perugia

For the second match in succession Scotland must do without the services of their principal goalkeeper, Jim Leighton, when they play Italy here tomorrow.

Leighton missed the World Curp qualifying match with Yugoslavia at Hampden Park in October because of a back injury sustained when he helped to collect the practice balls set the collect the practice balls sat the end of a training session.

His absence from the party, which flew yesterday to the university city of Perugia, two hours north of Rome, was the result of a similarly unlikely mishap. He had suffered an elbow injury while playing for Manchester United in the Socstandards of the society of the soci

Arsenal.

When he joined the Scotland squad in Glasgow on Monday Leighton gave no sign that he was troubled by the injury, which he hoped would settle down. However, when the team doctor, Stewart Hillis, happened to look at the arm, he instantly declared that the player would not be in any condition to face the Indians on Thursday.

Leighton's personal misfortune merely multiplied the goalkeeping anxieties of the Scotland coach, Andy Roxburgh. Norwich City had refused to release Bryan Gunn and Campbell Money, of St Mirren, had to leave the field with a leg injury early in his team's game at Aberdeen last Saturday.

injury early in his team's game at Aberdeen last Saturday.

Roxburgh responded by telling Andy Goram, of Hibernian, that be would play in Leighton's place and by calling up Henry Smith, of Heart of Midlothian, as extra cover.

Roxburgh said: "Yun wouldn't expect this to happen twice in a row but it proves that you need to use a group of goalkeepers at this level. I have no fears about Goram, who has already proved that he has the temperament to cope when he is suddenly given responsibility."

Certainly, Goram's last international appearance, in a testing match against the powerful Yugoslavs, drew particular praise from Roxburgh who singled him out at the time for o number of musically specific led him out at the time for o number of unusually specific

Roxburgh said yesterday that as knew which players he would use on Thursday but not how hey would be deployed. I still

have to find a partner for Maurice Johnston" he said. This comment suggests that without the injured McCoist, of Rangers, the question is whether to use Gallacher of Dundee Janted as part of the forward the forward the state of the forward the forward

Jaited as part of the forward combination or ask McClair to tep out of his Manchester Jaited role, behind the attack, to become a spearhead.

It appears that the Italians need to field a strong side, one which, according to Roxburgh, will provide the Scots with a number of problems. We think we know exactly how they will day. We expect them to be very day. We expect them to be very lexible and it will be most nteresting to see how we cope with their versatile players."

vith their versatile players."

The Anderlecht player, Juan ozano, has sued a Waregem lefender who broke his leg in a jame in April, 1987. The Spanard, who plays in midfield, has not made an appearance since ecciving the injury.

Lozano, has sued the tackter, Yvan Desloover for "in-Yvan Desloover for "inassault and bettery," Belgian newspapers said yesterday. His cg was broken in two places and ic also suffered a piecced calf

Three in a row

for the leader

lydney — The exotic plastic naxi yacht Windward Passage II Rod Muir) continued her lomination of the AWA Ocean

tacing Championship by win-ing the third race in a row on

ing the third race in a row on orrected time — a 25 n mile. Hympic style course sailed off lydney Heads in a 14-18 knot rue sea breeze and moderate ea (Bob Ross writes). The Frers design again sailed ligher to windward than the mailer yachts to win on corrected time by Turin 35-sec from

be Frest 44 Madeline's Daugher (Peter Kurts). Third was the arr 50 Great News (John Laivert-Jones/David Forbes).

Madeline's Daughter and Great News were recalled for being

remature starters.

Bingham tackles an all too familiar defensive exercise

From Clive White, Seville

On the face of it Northern Ireland have as much chance of surviving here tonight as those other no-hopers in the famous La Maestranza bull ring. Better, if no braver, little buils than themselves from Group six the Emerald Isle ended up biting the dust here last month, so why should Northern Ireland hang onto their

If there is any reason why Billy Bingham's team should succeed in this World Cup qualifying tie where Jack Chariton's failed it is because, paradoxically, they are less ambitious. Blessed with less quality than the Republic, not just now but for many years, Northern Ireland have been forced to study the art of

played with two forwards, Northern Ireland can be expected to play, unashamedly, Budapest in October, when such guarded thinking took them to within five minutes of

dropped o point at home to the Republic, surely cannot afford another "failure", even if, as Bingham reminded us yesterday, the Irish have qualified before after suffering two defeats in their qualifying

It will be to everyone's advantage, other than the Spaniards, if the Irish can

MORTHERM WELAND (probable): A McKalght (West Ham Dirt); A Regam (Catc), if McChalland (Matterd), A McDonsel (Queen's Park Rangers), M Worfdington (Sheffald Westnader), K Wilson (Chelsen), D McCreery (Newcaste United), M Donsgley (Mancrester United), M Black (Lation Town), C Clarice (Southarpsion).

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Whereas the Republic somehow rediscover the fortitude which took them to to the final stages of two successive World Cup competitions. This game itself revives memories of their finest hour.

in Valencia on June 25, 1982, them to within five minutes of an invaluable draw.

On that occasion the end failed to justify the means and Northern Ireland, having dropped o point at home to the Republic, surely cannot afford another "failure" even. ther, too, has Mal Donaghy for reasons that are oot entirely of a celebratory noture. Manchester United's inoffensive defender was sent off for an innocuous push on an opponent which smacked of.

with trainers, Sandor Egervari

Janos Mohacsi and masseur

Mezey, who has called for the resignation of the Federation

executive and for speedy results

appropriate support from the Federation.

Mezey, who also managed the team between 1983 and 1986, was accused by the Communist Party daily, Nepszabadsag of deserting a sinking ship.

men and women, drawn from an original list of 400 applicants, face extensive sea trials in the Channel next month to select a pool 45 to crew the yacht on a rota basis during the 32,000-mile race.

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SQUASH RACKETS

Imre Sandor.

Services bring their

yacht out of hiding

greater foul play on the part of the South American referee. Bamber is asked to pep up Stoke

Stoke City, whose hopes of mounting a promotion challenge from the second division were devastated by Sunday's six-goal humiliation at West Rroutwich Albion, yesterday completed the £190,000 transfer of the Watford forward, Dave Bamber. The 6ft 3in tall centre forward agreed terms after asking to think over the move for a forward agreed terms after ask-ing to think over the move for a few days and was immediately given the task of putting some power and aggression into Stoke's attack.

Mick Mills, the Stoke manager, explained: "It has been obvious for some time that we have badly needed somebody who can provide our front line with a bit of devil. He's a good target man who is exception the air and has good skills on the deck as well. He's got o fine scoring record." Bamber hit 17 goals for Swindon last scason but managed only four goals for Watford who paid £220,000 for

him last June, • The Norwich midfield player, Jeremy Goss has had a transfer request turned down. The Cyprus-born player, aged 23, asked for a move after failing to win a first-team place with the

League leaders this season. Goss, aged 23, a product of the Norwich youth side, is the third Norwich player to ask for a move recently, following de-fender, Simon Ratcliffe and winger, Ruel Fox.

YACHTING

The armed services yesterday drew back the shread of secrecy surrounding their partially built entry for next year's Whithress round the world race, revealing

recent the world race, revening an Soft composite structured yacht which the top brass believe stands an excellent chance of winning.

Providing he lasts the dis-tance this time, Donaghy could again play a prominent part. In common with most other observers Bingham felt that Michel, Real Madrid's tall, elegant midfield player, was the inspirational force behind the Spaniards here a month ago.

He controls centre stage in the way that o great matador might and nowhere is that sort of artiste more appreciated than in the Andalucian capital of bull fighting. It will take a particularly attentive marker to multify Michel's contribution, which is where Donaghy

in McCreery's absence in Budapest, Donaghy was given the job of deterring Detari, the Hungarian equivalent of Michel, and he responded with the sort of thoroughly pro-fessional performance that we have come to expect from the quiet man from Larne.
Donaghy will probably be given the job of chaperoning Michel.

Donaghy's transfer out of fence does, however, leave the Irish vulnerable to the sort of elusiveness practised by Butragueno and Manolo, who made such a big impact on his debut against the Republic.

Should the Spanish pene-trate just once the chances of the Irish recovering the situation are not good. Clarke, who will probably be the isolated striker, has scored only once this season and that after stepping down a grade to join Bournemouth on loan.

Davenport looks for goal break Peter Devemport will be siming

to lighten the load of the £750,000 fee which transferred him from Manchester United to Middleshrough in early Novem-ber by scoring a goal tonight when his club entertain Ports-mouth in the second round of the Simod Cup (Louise Taylor

eginst rivide United.

© Gyoergy Mezny, who returned to manage Hungary's
national team only five months
ago, has resigned saying he sees
no chance of doing professional
work in the job. His decision is a
firstly army blue to Hungary's The forward, who has not fiblilled the immense potential displayed during the early part of his career with Nottingham Forest, has failed to score in work in the job. His decision is a further grave blow to Hungarian football, already rocked in the past few weeks by a matchrigging scandal involving some 40 top players and officials.

Mezzy, aged 47, said he had resigned in a joint letter to the Hungarian Football Federation with trainers. Sandor Federation eight games since arriving at Ayresome Park. However, he insists that his morale is unaffected. "I am not.

concerned. My goals seem to come in bursts. I knocked them in before I left Manchester United and I am confident they will come again.

"I am just happy with the way I have settled in at Middlesbrough and contributed to the team performance," he said. Tonight's winners will be at: home to Coventry in the third

from a police inquiry, says be was only partially influenced by the alleged bribery in crucial first division games. The main reason, be says, was a lack of Wimbledon meet Derby at Plough Lane this evening in a third round tie. The visitors will doubtless be hoping to demonstrate the form which has elevated them to fourth in the will be aiming to exorcise the bad feeling engendered by their latest encounter with the FA's disciplinary committee.

HOCKEY

England select

Olympians

By Sydney Frinkin

Four players from Great Brit-ain's gold medal winning Olym-pic team are in the England indoor squad of 12 announced

pesterday for the HDM tour-nament at The Hague on Janu-ary 14 and 15 and the four nations tournament at Glasgow on January 21 and 22.

The same squad will also play as the Roses in a club tournament at Crystal Palace on January 7 and 8 with the exceptions of Grimley, Jennings and Halliday. They will be released to play for St Albans, in the Glenfiddich international tournament at the Kelvin Sports Hall Glessow.



ddington: fought back before his defeat by Walker in the Renny Cup senior singles final

Hiscock fails to counter mobility

By William Stephens

Richard Mootgomerie, of Rugby, won the H. K. Foster Cup — the Blue Riband com-petition for the best 16 in the Public Schools Singles Championships — by defeating Andrew Hiscock, of Malvern, 15-7, 15-6, 5-15, 15-11 at Queen's Club yesterday.

Muutgomerie was the sharper, more mobile and attacking player; Hiscock slowed the game down and was strong in retrieving - however he produced some fine low volleyed kill shots. Mont-gomerie will be a boost Oxford Rackets; he has just gained a place at Worcester College.

Kevin Walker, of Tonbridge won the Renny Cup senior singles beating John Boddington, of Cheltenham, 15-10, 15-10, 15-0. Walker, with five years' experience, domi-nated by service and hitting straight. He scored 31 service winners to Boddington's 13.

In reaching the final of a competition of 54 players, Boddington, aged 17, won five matches having only been playing three months since the this summer. This achievement questions the widely-beld belief that a player cannot fully adapt to the extreme pace of a racket ball unless be learns before the

age of 16.

Matthew Windows, uf Clifton, the son of the former Gloucestershire county cricketer, Tony Windows, won the Incledon-Webber Cup for the under-16s, defeating Alexander Smith-Bingham, uf Eton, 15-0, 10-15, 15-7, 14-17, 17-16. In the fifth game Smith-Bingham fisced match-point at 11-14 but recovered to gain match-point at 16-14—only to lose.

Barbarians

snap up

Campese

David Campese, the world's

will play for the Barbarians in the annual match against Leicester at Welford Road on December 28. He is one of five

Barbarians caps and, with re-spect to two leading French

players, the most illustrious.
Campese, the leading points
scorer on the recent Wallabies
tour of England and Scotland, is

playing for Milano. He seems

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RUGBY UNION: SELECTORS HEDGE BETS YET BOWEN AND COLLINS OMITTED

Llewellyn rises in plan for Wales to rebuild in Spain

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

While England are in Portugal with a training squad of 25 next month, Wales will be in Spain at much the same time with a squad of 35, preparing for the five nations' championship. Perhaps the difference in size reflects the uncertainty in selection between the two countries.
The Welsh squad named yes-The Weish squad named yesterday to travel to Valencia from January 6 to 10 incindes all but two of the players beaten by Romania on December 10. Of those Webbe, the Bridgend wing, is unavailable through injury but Collins, the Cardiff flasker, is contitted; he is joined in the out tray by Bowen who, nine short months ago, captained Wales to their triple crown triumph against Ireland. Both were available and it is legitimate to wonder when, or

indeed if, either will be back, perticularly Bowen who has struggled with Swansea this season and whose career has been littered with more injuries. then the average casualty ward. He was forced to return home early from last summer's tour to New Zealand, with a wost injury, and though he returned for a 22nd cap against Western

Samoa, he was only a replace-ment against Romania. The revised squad - Waler's first commitment is against Scotland at Murrayfield on

By Owen Jenkins

All five junior clubs in the last 16 of the Schweppes Cup have been drawn against first-class opposition in the fifth round, to he played on January 28. Of the five, Llaubaran have the best chance of going through to the quarter-linals in successive

They are at home to South

Vales Police and are reliabing the prospect. "We said on Sunday that if we had the choice it would be the Police," Howard Perkins, the chairman, said. "We famey our chances because

we've been playing better this season than last."

Glynneath, thefourth-round trant-killers who beat Maesteg.

face a tough match at home to Bridgend, who were twice win-

ners of the cup. Nevertheless they welcome the tie. Their chairman, Vince Good, said: "It's a very good draw for."

Wales squad

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Iwan Jones, the Llancili flanker.
It also includes Ring, the Cardiff centre dropped as a disciplinary a training session before the game with Romania.

Liewellyn's rise comes in his first full season with Neath, whom he joined from Llanharan youth. He toured New Zealand with the Welsh under-19 party two years ago and, at 6ft 5in and 17st, has made an obvious impact while still only 20. He has scarcely missed a game for Neath this season, in the prolonged absence through injury of another young prospect, Kembrey, and clearly Wales are: looking to groom him as a middle jumper against the day

Police are the wanted men

Fifth-round draw

Cardill v Aberavon Cuans, Newport v Newbridge, Glynneeth v Bridgend, Ebbw Yale v Abertalery, Pontypridd v Llanett, Glemorgan Wanderers v Taffs Wolf, Llarheren v South Wales Police, Neeth v Plaine.

Blaine. Matches to be played on January 28.

confident. We did it against

coundent. We did it against Massieg and we think we can do it again."

Aberavon Quins, who convincingly disposed of their neighbours. Aberavon, in the first round, travel to Cardiff, Blains have the worst draw, not only do they the on Mesti, then

only do they take on Neath, they have to go to The Gnoll.

"We would have liked a home draw for the benefit of our

supporters but we're quite pleased and I'm sure rugby will win on the day," Barrie Madden, their chairman, said:

Taffs Well, the other junior

Jones, a student at Swansea University, arrived at Llanelli university, arrived at Llanelli via Wrezham and has covered many miles in the hope of impressing the selectors. He gave evidence of speed and strength when he played for Mickey Steele-Bodger's XV against Cambridge University last month and has scored 10 tries for his club this season.

Lairy, the Neath centre who opted this season for Wales rather than his native England, has been dropped from the squad which now includes Turner, the Newbridge stand-off light who core expressed as

Turner, the Newbridge stand-off half who once expressed an interest in appearing for England, although he played for Wales B against Spain in 1985.

Although both Clement and Ring are club stand-offs, both have been used by Wales elsewhere and, looked at in that light, Turner is the other stand-off in the squad along with Imathan Davies. His mercurial in favour with the Freedom selectors, and Lafond. Both are members of Racing Club de Jonathan Davies. His mercurial talents have been used by Newport and London Welsh but it is with Newbridge that Turner

has played his best and they will be delighted at his recognition, and with the retention of Manley in the squad.

Evans, the Llanelli wing who missed both the games against the Western Samoans and Romanians because of a ham-string injury, hopes to return for Lianelli against London Welsh on Boxing Day, though the aquad will undergo fitness tess on leaves 3 to that the training on January 3 so that the training squad includes no lame ducks.

sdvantage over Abertillery.

Gavin Hastings will miss the Anglo-Scots' final match in the Scottish inter-district championship against Glasgow at Murray field on New Year's Eve. The Scotland and London Scottish full back, who has suffered the scotland and the scotland and

teently from a groin injury, is fit again, but will be on holiday at the time of the match. Cameron Glasgow, of Cam-

Cameron Glasgow, of Cambridge University, continues to deputise for Hastings, while Tim Exeter, of Moseley, is brought in on the right wing. If the Anglo-Scots, who are not playing this weekend, beat Glasgow they should secure third place in the championship table.

Harlequins will be without 13 first team players, including

members of Racing Club de France in Paris Hall, the Cambridge University and Wales centre, completes the threequarters and the new-

comers among the forwards are
Brewster, the Stewart's Melville
FP loose-head prop, and
Probyn, the Wasps tight-head.
The Barbarian selectors are
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minutus in one or two payers seeking a place in the limelight Calder, the Scottish flanker, has had an injury-hit season and missed playing Australia while Moriarty is out of favour with the Welsh selectors, even though he is among the training party to go to Spain next mouth. Hodgson, who seemed to be near a first cap for England in October, finds a place after being overlooked for England's training weekend in Portugal.

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The Barbarians include no lead-The Barbarians include no non-ing Irish players because of the Italian three-match tour, start-ing against Ireland under-25 at Ravenhill on Wednesday. Bettarello has taken over the captaincy of Italy

His party of 26 face an international on December 31. international on December 31. Six of the players who took part in the 55-6 loss against Australia this month miss the trip.

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Hernan instigates an

Outplayed at scrum, ruck and maul, Zimbabwe schools spent a torrid afternoon at Lanadowne

the interval against a strong wind. Having lost twice, drawn once and won once against the four provinces, the Zim-babweaus went behind a Moran try after a well placed grub kick by Hernan. A try by Costello after an defensive lapse in-creased the Irish lead.

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Irish schools victory

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Road yesterday against their irish counterparts. But they never dropped their heads in Ireland won by three goals and a try after leading by 10-0 at

period, Rooney won possession at a lineout, Hernan performed with penache in midfield and Dunn, the full back, ran in

unopposed. Ireland camped in Zimbabwe territory throughout and a penalty try was awarded following a five-metre scrum and Allen added his third The nearest Zimbebwe came

to scoring was from a long penalty which Benhura hooked

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mile race.

The boat, as yet assumed, is due to be leanched in February and will sall to the West Indies to compete in Antigms Week before meeting up against other Whithread contestants in the French double transmination race in May. The team also intend to use the Seahouse much series in the Solent, Cowes Week and the Fastnet race as a final trial before the big event starts from Seathampton in September. chance of winning.

The fractionally rigged medicate displacement design, drawn by Martin Francis, was orginally earmarked for the Royal Navy, smill a lack of sponsorship, forced their withdrawall lest month. Now the Senior Service has joined farces with the Army and Air Force, thanks to Chuss Hebben, the German-boun City businessumm who has underwritten the f3m budget. Harlequins will be without 13 first team players, including eight internationals, for their visit to Richmond next Tuesday. Ten absentees, including Will Carling, the England captain, are unavailable because of the Christmas holiday, while three others — Rose, Harriman and Moon—are till interned. ENGLAND MEDOOR SCHAD: & Taylor Stoupport, & Rowlands (Haverd, O Pauliner Stoupport, & Rowlands (Haverd, O Pauliner Stoupport, R Lemma (East Grinsman, Coop, & Gentry, (Fournison and Army), Fight (Lemman Valle), 1 Stoumport, K Steepp (Wolter), J Hatte (Old Loughtonians), N Tarmpeas (Old Loughtonians), N Points leaders for the AWA eries, to be completed by the 30 o mile Sydney-Hobert race tarting on Boxing Day, are: Vindward Passage II, 122.5; Adeline's Daughter 104; Wild lats (Bob Oatley), 97.5. club, face a short journey to Glamogan Wanderers. The pick of the draw is the first-class us. It's a bonns that it's at home. We play at lot better at home and we'll certainly give them a good game. We are quietly clashes in which Pontypridd entertain the cup holders, Lia-Cycw selection from within the FOR THE RECORD SNOOKER AMERICAN FOOTBALL SHEFFELD SHEELD: Brishane: Coverable 167 for 7 dec (G M Pitchie 58 not out; Victo 122 (P Cambrel 4 for 52), Match drawn. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL: Minneacle VI-Ninga 28, Chicago Beers 27. By George Ace ATHLETICS Zimbabwe Schools 0

and Tom Byron, one of the West month to siguing Viv Richards, the Indians' representatives, has dis-West Indies captain, when the county's full committee is likely to cussed his availability with Brian Close, the chairman of Yorkshire's discuss the acquisition of an cricket committee. But the £36,000 overseas player. The club has taken the first steps towards dispensing with the tradition that Richards was at one time seeking from Sassex may be too much for Yorkshire without a huge sponsorallows only players born within the county to represent it and further ship deal and in any event they have a much greater need for a high-class bowler. ons are bound to arouse

The committee is worried about falling membership with 650 lost last season and, with subscriptions due at the beginning of the summer, a poor start could lose "The matter was raised at the last management committee meet-ing, although it was not discussed officially or given serious consid-eration at that time," Joe Lister, even more. The introduction of an. the county secretary, confirmed yesterday. Doubtless it will raise years ago 89 per cent of those who voted opposed such a move. its head at the next meeting of the full committee as part of the

However, doubts about the fitness of Paul Jarvis, who, if fully recovered from back trouble

England, and the ageing Arnie Sidebotiom, who has just had a successful benefit, would leave Yorkshire bereft of experienced quality bowlers and an added problem is the dearth of genuine bewling talent available in the

Richards may also feel uneasy about joining a county where he has been subjected to racial abuse, notably during the NatWest Trophy second-round match against Somerset three years ago when Yorkshire apologized for the conduct of their spectators.

There is nothing in the county's rule book to prevent the committee engaging whom they wish. Twenty-nine players have appeared for Yorkshire who were born outside the boundaries.



THE

Minister is

taken to

task over

free cards

By Louise Taylor

erate the proposed member-

ship scheme free of charge.

We have at no stage rejected

so," a League spokesman said. The League claim the cost

of an identity card scheme for football would be £34 million.

Yet some companies regard

the potential commercial benefits of installing and

operating the scheme as so

enticing they would supply the

equipment and expertise with-

Even if a fee were involved,

the cost could be reduced to

around £10 million, according

to Malcolm Davis, managing

director of Aquix Holdings,

although he believes the

League is considering an

overly sophisticated option.

would be able to tender an

offer of under £10 million

based on a proven card similar

to Visa and Access which can

be produced for between 50 and 90 pence per card," he

"The League has not ac-

tually turned my scheme

down, but its mention of the

£34 million figure can be

interpreted as rejection. If the

League is talking in those

terms, it must be thinking of

Smart Cards which cost be-

tween £5 and £9. These are

based on unproven technology and would anyway in-

volve an element of overkill

outlay of £8.2 million, if

Aquix installed a scheme free

of charge. This would cover

the cost of producing the

and administration with run-

ning costs of around £750,000

a year. He anticipates a sur-

plus of between "£1 and £3

million after the first two years

The cards would cost

supporters around £5 but

Davis believes they would recoup their money in dis-

count offers ranging from cut-

price rail travel to sportswear.

The company operating the

names for use on mailing lists. Around 100 firms are bid-

ding for the membership con-

decisions could be made until

the Government's proposed football membership Bill be-

comes law next year. "It is not

for the League or anybody else

early for anything to be de-

cided," he said.

ID card system would rely on advertising and the sale of

cards, computerised turnstiles

for these purposes."

of operation".

On a commercial basis, we

Constant is dropped from list of Test match umpires

David Constant, an umpire hamited by controversy in recent years, might have stood in his last Test match. After an unbroken spell of 18 years on the Test panel, making him the longest serving international umpire in the world, he has been dropped for the Ashes series against Australia in the

Constant is replaced by John Hampshire, the former Yorkshire captain, among seven umpires who will officiste in the Test series. He was informed of the demotion in a letter from the Test and County Cricket Board and, last night, he was publicly philosophical. "Eighten years is a long time," he said. "Maybe it's time for a rest. I will not so on manying whetever I am

Privately, however, Constant

hurt by the obvious inference that he is paying a high price for falling foul of the Pakistanis on their last two visits

to England. The TCCB, probably unwisely, refused two requests by Pakistan to remove Constant from the Test panel in 1987, after he had apparently offended them with his decisions and demeanour.

This stubborn loyalty backfired badly. Cricketing relations be-tween the countries have been badly soured and although bridge-building work was thought to be partly successful, Pakistan's re-fusal last week to take part in a one-day competition in New Zea-land involving England suggests that sporting friendship is still some distance away.

Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, has stated his belief that the

shoddy scenes in Faisnished lest winter involving Mike Gatting and the umpire, Shakoor Rana, can be traced back to the Constant affair. "I suppose it is natural that

people will assume I am being punished for that," Constant said, "but there is nothing more I can say about it now. For as far back as I can

remember I have loved my involvement with cricket, first as a player and now, for 20 years, as all umpire. I have done my best and if that has not been good enough then I have to stand aside for one else."

Constant has umpired 36 Test matches, including two last same mer. At 47, he returns full time to the county circuit, leaving Dickie Bird unchallenged as the senior

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Fashanu and Anderson suspended and fined

By Dennis Signy

eneral discussion about cricket."

After five hours of deliberation a Football Association disciplinary commission fi-nally decided to punish both the Wimbledon forward, John Fashanu and Manchester United full back, Viv Anderson for their respective parts' in the now infamous tunnel; incident which occurred after the Littlewoods Cup tie be-tween the clubs on November

Both players were found guilty of a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.
Fashanu was suspended for three matches and fined £2,000 and Anderson was suspended for one match with

Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive announced: "From the evidence produced the commission were satisfied that John Fashanu did strike a blow upon Viv Anderson in the dressing room tunnel after the match at Wimbledon. This being so John Fashann was

found guilty of misconduct." The commission have decided to supsend him for three matches commencing on Monday January 9, 1989. On top of the £2,000 fine, they ve ordered him to pay half of the costs of the inquiry because he requested a personal hearing. Fashanu still has the right to appeal against

the verdict under FA rule 30. Viv Anderson was by no means exonerated from blame, "The commission was satisfied that Viv Anderson directed insulting and improper comments at John Fashanu in the dressing room tunnel," Kelly said. Apart from the £750 fine and one match supsension, Anderson was also ordered to pay half of

The commission clearly felt that although Fashanu was guilty of striking Anderson there was a strong element of provokation on Andersons part. The FA chief executive denied accusations that the players had been treated le-



Case to answer: Fashanu leaves for the FA inquiry at Lancaster Gate

banned for three matches which he would have missed if he had committed the offence on the field of play under the jurisdiction of the referee. I don't think it necessarily lenient. The commission has had the benefit of all the facts and all the evidence."

Kelly said regarding the tunnel incident: "I don't think

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Cardata."

John Fashanu and he has been today has done an awful lot for football. I hope the incident will be buried and forgotten." Those giving evidence at the hearing from the Wimbledon contingent were their defender, Erie Young and

catering manager, Rob Burrows. Fashanu arrived in a car with the Wimbledon manager,

Bobby Gould and his agent, the player's agent, Eric Hall. Maurice Watkins.

Offer for Johnston

over the future of Mo John-ston has increased with a firm approach from the West Ger-Borussia Dortmund to Nantes. Although the Scottish forward still has over a year of his three-year contract to run he may be allowed to leave Robert Budzinski, the head of the French first division club, admitted: "If he does not want to renew his contract, we will study all offers." In-terested Italian clubs are cerHall left Lancaster Gate. An FA spokesman denied that Hall played any part in the

meeting.
Evidence was heard from
Manchester United's manager Alex Ferguson, kit manager Norman Davies and chief executive, Martin Edwards. Anderson was represented by a club director and solicitor,

when he leads Scotland's attack in tomorrow's international in Perugia. Johnston, aged 25, who signed for Nantes from Celtic, has scored 20 goals for them so far. Gordon Durie of Chelsea has been suspended for two matches after bringing his disciplinary points tally to 21 with a booking in the 4-1 win at Birmingham last Friday. The Scottish international will miss games against West Bromwich and Oxford.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Decision this week

Wellington (AFP) - The New Zealand Cricket Council (NZCC) will announce its decision on the proposed England tour here by the end of the week. The tour was put in jeopardy by Pakistan's decision last week not to take part in a three-way one-day series in March with New Zealand and England. Barry Paterson, the chair-man of the NZCC, said yes-

terday he was still looking at alternatives, but added that it would not be practical for the one-day series to go ahead with another international side substituting for England.

First defence

Iran Barkley will make the first defence of his World Boxing Council middleweight title against the former world lightweight, weiterweight and junior middleweight champion, Roberto Duran, on February 24 in Atlantic City.

Ali: strong opposition

Bradleys hurt Tom and Doreen Bradley, the owners of Next Milton, the

leading British show jumper, were yesterday recovering in hospital after a car crash on the M1 in Hertfordshire on Monday night.

Lady Busby Lady Jean Busby, the wife of Sir Matt Busby, the former manager of Manchester

United, died in a Manchester'

nursing home on Monday,

after a long illness. She was 80.

Strong line-up Divers from China, the United States and the Soviet Union will join Britons, including Tony Ali, the national junior champion, in the Sun Life Cup at Crystal Palace

from January 12 to 15.
SRITISH TEAM: Ner: A AR, R Morgan,
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Live coverage The English Basket Ball Association yesterday announced an agreement with British Satellite Broadcasting for the screening of baskethall. alongside the BBC, for the

1989-90 season.

Labour calls for dismissal of Moynihan

The Football League's battle with the Colin Moynihan, the Colin Moyniban, the Minister Minister for Sport, became more heated yesterday. The League refuted his accusation of Sport, yesterday provoked opposition calls for his dismissal over his refusal to back that it had refused an offer to attempts by English clubs to return to European com-petition unless the football install the equipment to opauthorities took a constructive attitude to the new national any company or proposals; it would be foolish to have done membership scheme.

Denis Howell, a former Sports Minister, and other Labour MPs tabled a Commons motion demanding the minister's "immediate dismissal by the Prime Moyniban has infuriated

Labour by effectively issning an ultimatum to the authorities to take an active role in drawing up the details of the scheme. Otherwise, be has made clear, he is unlikely to recommend the European ban be lifted when he is asked for his views by UEFA. Howell accused Moynihan

of resorting to blackmail in trying to force the authorities to subject themselves to his,

Howell also rejected a report that the League had refused a £34 million offer to set up the scheme and equipment free of charge. It had merely said that it could not consider the plan until it had seen the details of the Football Spectators' Bill.

But he agreed that the League was sceptical about the offer because of its reservations over the use the company involved might make of the members' names and

Publication of the Bill. The Times learnt yesterday, has been delayed until the New

The Moynihan plan has come under renewed fire in the Commons with the Sports Minister accused of "blowing up out of all proportion" the violence level at grounds. That charge was made by the Labour MP, Harry Barnes, after Moynihan published a "league table" of arrests at grounds during last season.

> Barnes said more than 75 per cent of the clubs had a record of fewer than five arrests per match "Why should the overwhelming bulk of third and fourth division clubs face bankruptcy in trying to run a national identity card scheme when they have fewer than two arrests per match," he said,

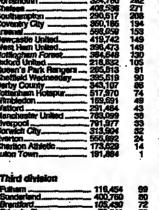
Moynihan said that in addition to more than 6,000 people arrested at League grounds last season, 6,542 were ejected from the grounds.

So far this season, th Government has been informed of serious trouble, with more than 20 people arrested, at 14 matches.

Movnihan disclosed in his table that the highest number of arrests last season was at Aston Villa, then in the second division - with 308 out of a total attendance of 403,836, a rate of about eight per 10,000. Colchester, with a total attendance of 40,607, had the only ground with no arrests all season.

LEAGUE GROUNDS ARRESTS 1987-88

Davis envisaged an initial First divis







Nupsala ruled out by administrative error

Nupsala, the winner of the to be applied as they have in King George VI Rank Chase the past. It is very sad, and sad for racing."

for France last season, and his stable companion, Nord AC, have been denied the chance of competing at Kempton Park on Boxing Day because of an error in confirming their entry at the five-day declaration stage yesterday.

David Pipe, a spokesman for the Jockey Club, said yesterday: "There is no question that the trainer, Francois Doumen, got the system wrong, he didn't. It was purely a secretarial error.

"The fax of confirmation sbould have reached Weatherbys, responsible for entries, by noon yesterday, but it failed to arrive." Doumen had sent the fax

himself yesterday morning, at 9.30 French time, before embarking on his trip to England, but the last four fax numbers were wrong and it never reached Weatherbys. Pipe added: "The rules have Doumen had sent his two

runners to board with Oliver Sherwood, the Upper Lambourn trainer, as be did last year. Both horses arrived safely on Monday.
Sherwood said yesterday:

My job was just to act as a keeper of the horses. To make sure that they were fit and well for the King George. I am afraid that I could not do anything about the error."

Toby Balding and David Elsworth echoed Sherwood's sentiments. Elsworth, who attempts to win the race for the second time with his popular grey, Desert Orchid, said: "It's terrible news. I fully sym-pathize with the trainer." Balding, who saddles Kildimo, added: "It's rough

aheady over here."

inck for all concerned, especially as the borses are

END COLUMN

Balance ... tipped 1 against North

By Michael Stevenson

Deep in the bearts of many, if not most, northerners is the obsession that the slickers south of Watford Cap are out to get them. Countless Yorkshiremen have muttered bitterly about their favourite cricketer: "By, if only he laked for Middlesex or Surrey, e'd be in England team in a bloody

Now 14 members of two London clubs are selected for. the England rugby squad of 25 for training before the five

Geoff Cooke, a northerner and England's manager, is adamant that there is no skulduggery. "The England squad represents the swing in the balance of power from the North to the South.

We must find players who can raise their game from club to divisional matches, and from divisional to international matches. This London have done and the South-West have not, which is why there are not more players selected from the country's best club-side Rock."

Few could quarrel with this view and Cooke is optimistic that n highly successful season for England lies ahead. Yet the doubts remain, particularly over individuals.

During the last conversation that I had with Peter Robbins, he said that if he had been as England selector he would have put Peter Buckton into the national side as the fourth or fifth name on the list. After the convincing defeat

of the Australians by the North, many of the tourists said that Buckton was the best forward on the pitch. Ted Wood who, with David

Robinson, coaches the North. has become a tremendous admirer of Buckton's game: Perhaps we did not pick him early enough for the North, but I am convinced that he possesses one of the richest talents in English rugby." Dick Greenwood, the former England captain and coach, agreed: "Peter Buckton is an outstanding footballer. He is

he is unlucky to be competing with so many good No. 7s"
Robinson believes that Sam Hodgsen, a players' player if ever there was one, is equally unlocky. But the most unfortunate and surprising omissic to northern eyes is of the giant Orrell lock, Bob Kimmins.

one of my favourite players but

Bill Beaumout has been impressed with his game, especially this season. "He's lost weight and is playing magnifi-cently. Every time I see him be cleans up the lineout.

"I know there have been some funny-looking characters jumping at No. 2 for England in the past, but if I wanted someone to get me lineout ball I would go for Bob Kimmins." Wood spoke to Cooke after the North's parrow victory over the South-West at Orrell on Saturday, when Kimmins played a significant role: 'He told me he was not in the

Camulate,

why he was not selected, but I was still very disappointed." Those of as who have watched Kimmins develo over the years are sad that his remarkable improvement has not, apparently, carned him recognition as one of the four best locks in the country.

England squad and suggested

Even a couple of years ago, Kimmins was not all that impressive. But an amalgam of marriage, the inspiration of Des Seabrook and an improvement in Orrell's fortunes has Cumbriens and Laucas-

transformed him dramatically. riens do not use the word laked", but they might be "By gum! If only Buckton and Hodgson and Kimmins play for Harlequins or Wasts . .